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Minutes of the 8th Meeting of Tsuen Wan District Council (6/20-21)

Date: 23 March 2021

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly (Chairman)

Mr LI Hung-por (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH

Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus

Mr LAM Sek-tim

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH

Ms CHAN Kim-kam

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Mr CHIU Yan-loy

Mr LAU Chi-hung

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy

Mr LAU Jackson

Mr LAI Man-fai

Mr TSE Man-chak

Absent:

Mr SHUM Lester

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

In Attendance:

Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley

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

Mr KWONG Chi-wing, Denis

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

Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie

Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr Kerry Paul Lee CAREW

District Commander (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr HO Yiu-wing	Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms MA Sau-ching, Annisa	District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing), Social Welfare Department
Ms HO Mun-yeet, Money	District Lands Officer/Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Ms HUNG Yuen-ching	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Ms LUI Hiu-fai, Monica	Chief Transport Officer/NT South West, Transport Department
Ms CHUNG Dip-fun, Sarah	Senior Housing Manager/Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 2, Housing Department
Mr KUAN Man-hou	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms LIU Tze-kwan, Fiona	Chief Engineer/West 2, Civil Engineering and Development Department
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
Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy (Secretary)	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr LAU Shun-tak, Donald	Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

For discussion of item 3:

Ms TANG Ho-yan, Joyce	Senior Engineer/2 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
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For discussion of item 4:

Mr TSUI Ka-kim	Senior Building Surveyor/D5, Buildings Department
Mr LO Kit-hung, Eric	Divisional Commander (New Territories South), Fire Services Department
Mr CHENG Tsz-hang	Station Commander (Tsuen Wan Fire Station), Fire Services Department
Mr LO Shui-sang	Assistant Divisional Officer (Support)1, Fire Services Department
Mr MO Shan-hoi	Assistant Divisional Officer (Building Improvement)21, Fire Services Department
Mr AU Hin-lung	Senior Station Officer (Building Improvement)210, Fire Services Department

For discussion of item 8:

Mr TSUI Ka-kim Senior Building Surveyor/D5, Buildings Department

For discussion of item 12:

Ms TANG Ho-yan, Joyce Senior Engineer/2 (West), Civil Engineering and
Development Department

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I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 8th meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) and introduced:

- (1) Ms HUNG Yuen-ching, who attended the meeting for the first time and replaced Mr CHEN Wai-kuen to assume the post of Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department (LandsD);
- (2) Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Dickie, who attended the meeting for the first time and replaced Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris to assume the post of District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); and
- (3) Ms CHUNG Dip-fun, Sarah, Senior Housing Manager/Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 2, Housing Department (HD), who attended this meeting on behalf of Mrs TANG FUNG Shuk-yin.

2. The Chairman said that Mr SHUM Lester and Mr TAM Hoi-pong were unable to attend the meeting. He had received notices of absence from TWDC meeting from Mr SHUM Lester and Mr TAM Hoi-pong, and would handle their applications for absence during the discussion of Any Other Business. The happenings of tomorrow were unpredictable. Nevertheless, he believed that all Members of the TWDC would endeavour to play their role as Members of the TWDC and serve the community with full dedication and commitment. He hoped that Members would continue with their efforts. Moreover, given that the epidemic eased at present, he would arrange meetings for Members to exchange views on the use of District Council (DC) funds with representatives from the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or societies. This would enable the TWDC to engage in active communication with the government departments and stakeholders.

3. The Chairman reminded Members to speak as concise as possible because there were many items on the agenda. 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 at a meeting of the Council was required to give the Secretary a notice in writing ten clear working days before the meeting. Thus, he reminded Members that the date of the next meeting was 18 May 2021 and the deadline for submission of paper was 3 May 2021. In view of numerous items on the agenda, the Chairman reminded Members to speak as concise as possible. In addition, according to section 28 of the Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, Members could speak once for each agenda item

at the meeting and each Member could speak up to 1.5 minutes. A maximum of five Members could speak for each agenda item. If more than five Members spoke for an agenda item, he would shorten the speaking time of each Member. The Member(s) who had submitted a paper would have 2 minutes to make an introduction and 1.5 minutes to draw a conclusion. The representatives of the departments would have up to 2 minutes to give response.

4. Mr LAI Man-fai enquired whether no nameplates would be placed in front of the seats of absent Members.

5. The Chairman said that as the Members concerned had submitted applications for absence, no nameplates were placed in front of their seats.

6. Mr CHIU Yan-loy enquired about the reasons why District Officer (Tsuen Wan) was absent from the meeting.

7. District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (Acting) of the TWDO responded that District Officer (Tsuen Wan) was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments. He acted up as District Officer (Tsuen Wan) for the time being.

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen joined the meeting at 2:37 p.m.)

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 6th Meeting held on 9.10.2020 and Minutes of the 7th Meeting held on 17.11.2020

8. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received two proposed amendments from Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio prior to this meeting. The proposed amendments were set out as follows:

- (1) he proposed that in lines 3 to 6 of paragraph 12 of minutes of the 6th meeting held on 9 October 2020, “然而，規劃署與政府團隊卻推行有關計劃。另外，他詢問將項目 A 的隧道行車道擴闊成雙線雙程行車道的方法，並認為有關地點因高度限制而未能讓巴士通過，居民日後將需靠小巴代步。再者，他關注項目 F 各項技術性修訂所隱藏的不足之處及限制將在日後浮現。” (However, the Planning Department (PlanD) and its counterparts in the Government took forward the plan concerned. Moreover, he enquired about the ways to widen the tunnel carriageway to a two-lane two-way carriageway under Item A. He opined that residents would have to rely on minibuses for commuting in the future as buses were prohibited from accessing the location concerned due to the height limit. In addition, he was concerned that underlying inadequacies and constraints of the technical amendments to Item F would emerge in the future.) should be amended as “反觀，規劃署與其政府團隊在推行這個計劃時卻效率奇高。另外，他詢問將項目 A 的隧道行車道擴闊成雙線雙程行車道的方法，並詢問有關地點因高度限制而未能讓巴士通過，是否意味著居民日後只能靠小巴代步。再者，他關注項目 F 各項技術性修訂所隱藏的弊處及限制將在日後浮現。” (On the contrary, the PlanD and its counterparts in the Government were surprisingly efficient when taking forward the plan concerned. Moreover, he enquired about the ways to widen the tunnel carriageway to a two-lane two-way

carriageway under Item A, and whether it meant that residents could only rely on minibuses for commuting in the future as buses were prohibited from accessing the location concerned due to the height limit. In addition, he was concerned that underlying shortcomings and constraints of the technical amendments to Item F would emerge in the future.); and

- (2) he proposed that in lines 3 to 5 of paragraph 92 (i.e. paragraph 93) of minutes of the 6th meeting held on 9 October 2020, “根據有關文件，地區康健中心的服務並非強制推行，居民須符合資格才可享用，這或會使部分諱疾忌醫或篤信傳統做法的長者或居民待有病時才到醫院門診或急症室求診。” (According to the paper concerned, the services provided by the District Health Centre (DHC) were not compulsory. Only eligible residents could enjoy the services. As a result, some elders or residents, who would conceal their illnesses rather than see a doctor or firmly believed in traditional approaches, might seek treatment at the outpatient departments or accident and emergency departments of the hospitals only if they were sick.) should be amended as “此外，他詢問地區康健中心的服務是否強制性質，因為他知悉在符合資格享用服務的人士當中，有些會傾向自由選擇，待有病時才到醫院門診或急症室求診。” (He also enquired whether the services provided by the DHC were compulsory because he learnt that among the people who were eligible to enjoy the services, some of them would tend to make their own choices and would seek treatment at the outpatient departments or accident and emergency departments of the hospitals only if they were sick.).

9. The Chairman enquired whether Members would like to immediately put forth proposed amendments for the minutes of the 6th meeting held on 9 October 2020. No Member immediately put forth proposed amendments.

10. The Chairman enquired whether Members endorsed the minutes of the 6th meeting held on 9 October 2020 and relevant proposed amendments. Members unanimously endorsed the minutes of the 6th meeting held on 9 October 2020 and relevant proposed amendments.

11. The Chairman enquired whether Members would like to immediately put forth proposed amendments for the minutes of the 7th meeting held on 17 November 2020.

12. The Vice Chairman said he noted that the items raised by several Members were not recorded in the minutes concerned. He thus had reservations about the minutes. However, if the minutes were not endorsed, it would not be uploaded to the webpage of the TWDC, and residents would not be able to learn about the contents of discussions of Members at the TWDC meeting, Members' concern about district issues and their hard work. He learnt that while having reservations about the minutes, the Members concerned would not object to endorsing the minutes. He hoped that the minutes would be endorsed so that residents could learn of the efforts made for them by the current-term TWDC.

13. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said he did not intend to obstruct the endorsement of the minutes concerned. However, he had reservations about the minutes because an item which was raised by him and agreed by the Chairman was excluded from the minutes. He would only consider supporting the endorsement of the minutes if the Secretary supplemented the minutes with the relevant part.

14. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus said he had no intention of inhibiting Members from endorsing the minutes concerned. However, he opined that the Secretariat should clarify and explain the reason why the paper submitted by him was in conflict with the functions of a DC. It should also record the reason in the minutes. Besides, while an oral statement of a Member was also excluded from the minutes concerned, he enquired why the relevant reason was nevertheless recorded in the minutes.

15. Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy said that some people were lodging judicial review proceedings against the withdrawal of staff of District Offices and the failure of Secretariats of DCs to prepare minutes in full. If the minutes concerned were endorsed, it might be interpreted as Members agreeing that the minutes complied with the procedures and were in order. It might even affect the judge's consideration when dealing with a judicial review. Therefore, he had reservations about the endorsement of the minutes in question.

16. District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (Acting) of the TWDO responded that the items of two papers mentioned by the Members were in conflict with the functions of a DC stipulated under section 61 of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547). As the Secretariat was unable to provide secretarial services for these items, it did not record the relevant information in the minutes.

17. Ms CHAN Kim-kam proposed that an open ballot should be held. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

18. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the endorsement of the minutes of the 7th meeting held on 17 November 2020. The voting result was listed as follows:

For (6 votes in total)

The Vice Chairman, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr YAU Kam-ping, Mr CHAN Sung-ip, Mr WONG Ka-wa and Mr LAI Man-fai

Against (4 votes in total)

Ms CHAN Kim-kam, Mr LAU Chi-hung, Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy and Mr TSE Man-chak

Abstention (0 vote in total)

19. The Chairman announced that the minutes of the 7th meeting held on 17 November 2020 were endorsed.

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

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

IV Item 3: Progress Report on Major Works in Tsuen Wan (as at 28 February 2021)

(TWDC Paper No. 106/20-21)

21. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) regularly reported to Members on the progress of the major works in Tsuen Wan district. The representative from the CEDD attending the meeting was Ms TANG Ho-yan, Joyce, Senior Engineer/2 (West).

22. Senior Engineer/2 (West) of the CEDD introduced the paper.

23. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu thanked the Government for implementing Project No. 6101TX/D – Escalator near Exit A4 of MTR Tsuen Wan Station. However, upon the commissioning of the escalator, there had been six cases of cessation of operation and each lasted for nearly an hour. The situation was not satisfactory. He had thus contacted the department concerned and learnt that the escalator was retrofitted with a device to prevent anyone from wrongly pressing the stop button of the escalator. Nevertheless, cessation of escalator operation often occurred in the morning when there was no technical staff on duty, and so residents could not use the escalator during peak hours. He thus hoped that the department concerned would explore solutions to the said problem to ensure the optimal use of the escalator.

24. Mr CHIU Yan-loy enquired how the problem of the frequent failures of the escalator under Project No. 6101TX/D could be solved, and about the timetable for gazetting Project No. 87TI – Improvement Works at Tsuen Tsing Interchange. In addition, regarding Contract No. DC/2019/12 – Upgrading of West Kowloon and Tsuen Wan Sewerage – Phase 2B, he had discussed the planning for some of the works on Route Twisk with the contractor and learnt that one of the lanes on Route Twisk was expected to be closed for six years whilst the works were underway. He opined that this arrangement would pose enormous impact on residents who relied solely on Route Twisk to travel. Hence, he suggested exploring other methods, such as digging trenches, for carrying out the works. Lastly, as far as he knew, the water mains burst alert system under Project No. 196WC – Implementation of Water Intelligent Network, Remaining Works would be constructed in the vicinity of Allway Gardens. He enquired about the details of the works, whether the works were in fact a pilot scheme and whether this type of alert system would be provided elsewhere in Tsuen Wan in the future.

25. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio enquired whether the estimated cost for Project No. 389DS – Upgrading of West Kowloon and Tsuen Wan Sewerage – Phase 2 was \$508,200,000 or \$357,800,000. Besides, he enquired about the benefits that would be brought by the completed works, including whether the odour problem at the waterfront could be eradicated upon the completion of works. He also hoped that the Drainage Services Department (DSD) would follow up the problem.

26. Mr LAM Sek-tim referred to page 10 of the information paper which stated that “the Highways Department liaised with the Members concerned and representatives of City Point, The Pavilia Bay and Chelsea Court to conduct a site visit on 5 May 2020, briefing them on different alignments of and proposals for Footbridge C and Footbridge E.” However, as far as he knew, some residents held opposing views on the alignment of Footbridge C outside New Haven. He thus enquired about the works progress concerned. In addition, despite the frequent occurrences of sewer bursts at Tsuen Fu Street over the past few months, the paper did not include any relevant drainage works to be carried out on Tsuen Fu Street near Panda Hotel. He thus enquired whether relevant works would be arranged. He also enquired of the department concerned why it had planned to install dry weather flow interceptors before having a good understanding of their effectiveness.

27. Mr LAU Chi-hung said that the CEDD had briefed Members on the preliminary alignment of the section between Bayview Garden and Tuen Mun under Stage 1 and Stage 2 projects of Project No. 268RS – Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. As stated in the paper, it was expected that further public consultation on the projects would take place at the end of 2021. He thus enquired whether public consultation on the proposed alignments would not be conducted until the end of 2021.

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

- (1) the CEDD would relay the problem of frequent cessation of operation of the escalator under Project No. 6101TX/D to the Highways Department (HyD), so that the HyD could devise methods to repair the escalator in a timely manner;
- (2) regarding Project No. 87TI, the CEDD learnt that the department concerned was currently preparing the gazettal documents and would arrange for the gazettal of the works in the near future;
- (3) regarding the enquiries about Project No. 196WC, Project No. 389DS and Extension of Footbridge Network in Tsuen Wan, relevant information had yet to be provided by the respective departments concerned; and
- (4) the section of cycle track under the Advance Works of Project No. 268RS was expected to be commissioned in mid-2021. Regarding the alignments of the remaining sections, the CEDD was studying feasible proposals with the consultant so as to respond to public views on the alignments. It was anticipated that further consultation with Members and the public would be carried out at the end of 2021.

29. The Chairman thanked the CEDD for reporting on the progress of the works and asked Members to contact the departments concerned after the meeting to follow up on other relevant problems.

30. The Chairman stated that since the next agenda item was raised by him, he asked the Vice Chairman to take over the chair.

V Item 4: Request for an Improvement to the Living Environment of Residents of Old Buildings (Tenement Buildings) in Tsuen Wan District
(TWDC Paper No. 107/20-21)

31. The Acting Chairman stated that Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Mr TSUI Ka-kim, Senior Building Surveyor/D5, Buildings Department (BD);
- (2) Ms HO Mun-ye, Money, District Lands Officer/Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), LandsD;
- (3) Ms HUNG Yuen-ching, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), LandsD;
- (4) Ms MA Sau-ching, Annisa, District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing), Social Welfare Department (SWD);
- (5) Mr LO Kit-hung, Eric, Divisional Commander (New Territories South), Fire Services Department (FSD);
- (6) Mr CHENG Tsz-hang, Station Commander (Tsuen Wan Fire Station), FSD;
- (7) Mr LO Shui-sang, Assistant Divisional Officer (Support)1, FSD;
- (8) Mr MO Shan-hoi, Assistant Divisional Officer (Building Improvement)21, FSD;
- (9) Mr AU Hin-lung, Senior Station Officer (Building Improvement)210, FSD;
- (10) Ms CHUNG Dip-fun, Sarah, Senior Housing Manager/Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 2, HD;
- (11) Mr KUAN Man-hou, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD);
- (12) Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Dickie, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), LCSD; and
- (13) Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie, Senior Liaison Officer (2), TWDO.

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

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

33. Senior Building Surveyor/D5 of the BD responded as follows:

- (1) in general, the BD would notify relevant departments five months prior to its intended clearance of unauthorised structures such as unauthorised building works (UBWs) and rooftop houses, and would put up notices at the building in question three months prior to the clearance operation so as to inform households of the clearance arrangements. Besides, it would arrange for social workers to render assistance to affected households before the clearance operation. If any household requested the BD to defer the clearance operation having regard to individual circumstances, the BD would consider the case and make suitable arrangements; and
- (2) the BD attached importance to building structure and fire safety. In case structural defects were identified in sub-divided flats, the BD would speed up action and issue orders to offenders, requesting rectification of the defects.

34. District Lands Officer/Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) of the LandsD responded that generally, the issue of UBWs of private buildings would be followed up and tackled by the BD pursuant to the legislation. The LandsD had no suggestion for law enforcement action targeting building structure or UBWs.

35. District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing) of the SWD responded as follows:

- (1) the SWD was mainly responsible for addressing residents' welfare needs. Also, during building clearance operations, the SWD would maintain close liaison with relevant government departments and follow up on cases of residents with welfare needs referred by the departments. Upon receiving the referral cases, the SWD would contact the residents concerned and provide them with appropriate support and counselling service. It would also assist the residents in meeting their housing needs; and
- (2) regarding welfare needs of families living in sub-divided flats, the Integrated Family Service Centres would provide counselling service for them and organise activities in which residents (including tenants of sub-divided flats) in the district could participate. Also, the Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing District Social Welfare Office under the SWD would coordinate with welfare organisations in the district and jointly organise activities with them to promote parent-child interaction and relationship in families.

36. Assistant Divisional Officer (Building Improvement)²¹ of the FSD responded as follows:

- (1) the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Cap. 572) mainly regulated buildings which were completed or of which the plans were first submitted on or before 1 March 1987. The purpose of this Ordinance was to enhance fire safety of old buildings;
- (2) the FSD noted the difficulties in managing "three-nil" buildings in all districts. Hence, prior to its enforcement of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, the FSD would notify the building in question and provide the TWDO with the information on the building. The FSD hoped that to improve building management, the TWDO would assist the building in forming an Owners' Corporation (OC) before the FSD's enforcement of the said Ordinance;
- (3) upon the issue of Fire Safety Directions, the FSD would proactively recruit Fire Safety Envoys and Fire Safety Ambassadors from residents of the building with a view to enhancing residents' awareness of fire safety and coordinating the workflow for upcoming fire safety works;
- (4) in the past, the FSD encountered many technical difficulties in implementing fire safety improvement works. Hence, the FSD would, without compromising basic fire safety of buildings, adopt a flexible and pragmatic approach in handling individual cases. The FSD had introduced various facilitative measures so far. For example, it had introduced an improvised hose reel system to buildings

with three storeys or less, sparing the need to install water tanks at those buildings. Also, the capacity requirement for water tanks in buildings with four storeys or more had been lowered; and

- (5) apart from providing assistance and technical support for “three-nil” buildings, the Government had also rolled out the Fire Safety Improvement Works Subsidy Scheme to render financial support to the public.

37. Senior Housing Manager/Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 2 of the HD responded as follows:

- (1) according to the existing mechanism, the HD would provide temporary accommodation for residents affected by enforcement action or clearance operations of the Government; and
- (2) the HD did not have any rehousing arrangements for enforcement action taken to clear UBWs at a private building.

38. District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD had all along been providing street sweeping and other services for public places. The cleaning and management responsibilities of private premises should rest with owners of these premises;
- (2) considering the situation of “three-nil” buildings in the district, the FEHD had made complementary efforts and provided support in different aspects. Also, it had been working in line with the building cleaning scheme sponsored by the TWDC and assisting in transporting refuse collected at “three-nil” buildings to landfills;
- (3) between October 2020 and mid-February 2021, the FEHD set up solar-powered mobile refuse compactors at Chung On Street during nighttime on a trial basis. The objective was to provide residents of “three-nil” buildings nearby with a domestic refuse collection point which was relatively at hand. The trial scheme was now completed, and the FEHD was reviewing the effectiveness of the entire scheme. Upon the conclusion of the trial scheme, the FEHD had separately arranged the placement of 660-litre refuse collection bins at designated locations in the district on a trial basis to test the effectiveness of the bins in improving the disposal of domestic refuse around the locations; and
- (4) the former staff quarters atop Tsuen Wan Market had been used to store articles of government departments since 2019. All storage spaces were currently in use by the departments.

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

- (1) there was room for improvement in respect of the facilities at Tsuen Wan Market Roof-top Playground. The LCSD would contact the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) and explore an improvement proposal in order to provide better facilities for nearby members of the public;

- (2) currently, the LCSD arranged the parking of mobile library vans at seven locations in Tsuen Wan district. The service schedule of mobile library vans was tight. Hence, if additional parking locations were to be introduced, some existing locations might have to be forgone. Also, as the mobile library vans were quite big, it was rather difficult to identify other parking locations in Tsuen Wan district; and
- (3) the LCSD would convey the views on mobile library vans and study rooms to relevant library staff.

40. Senior Liaison Officer (2) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) all along, the TWDO had been very concerned about the management issues of old buildings. Apart from providing owners with assistance in and advice on building management, the TWDO had introduced an array of supporting measures to encourage and assist owners to form OCs or suitable residents' organisations with a view to effectively improving building management and maintenance;
- (2) currently, there were about 230 single-block buildings devoid of lifts in Tsuen Wan district (excluding village-type buildings such as Shek Pik New Village in Tsuen Wan town centre). About 70 buildings lacked OCs or other residents' organisations at the moment;
- (3) the Government had all along been playing the role of facilitator in building management, and encouraged and assisted owners to form suitable residents' organisations by taking various measures under a multi-pronged approach. For instance, it facilitated the formation of OCs for buildings within the legal framework provided for in the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344), and assisted owners in discharging their responsibility of building management;
- (4) the Home Affairs Department (HAD) had also launched a series of supporting services and schemes, namely, the Building Management Dispute Resolution Service, legal advice service and the Central Platform on Building Management which was targeted at old buildings. Besides, the Community Care Fund also included a subsidy scheme open for application by OCs of old buildings;
- (5) regarding assistance provided for old buildings, in particular "three-nil" buildings, the TWDO had been proactively providing assistance and support for owners to form OCs and handle building management work under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme; and
- (6) the CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP) currently offered two subsidy schemes to eligible sub-divided flat households, subsidising their electricity charges and rewiring work at the sub-divided flats. Members might refer to the CLP's webpage or relevant promotional leaflets to learn more about the eligibility and application procedures of the schemes.

41. Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy said that the inadequacies in the Government's housing policies had aggravated the problem of sub-divided flats in Hong Kong. Residents were deprived of a dignified living environment and way of life. Moreover, the BD and FSD sent staff to conduct an inspection at Luk Yeung Sun

Chuen in 2020. While having received the Fire Safety Directions from the BD afterwards, Luk Yeung Sun Chuen had never received relevant directions from the FSD so far. The Fire Safety Directions should be complied with before 31 December 2021. Therefore, he hoped for a prompt issue of relevant directions by the FSD so that Luk Yeung Sun Chuen, its management office and owners' committee could act in compliance with the directions without a hitch.

42. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu noted that the relevant departments conducted a lot of fire protection work on a regular basis. However, another serious fire accident occurred at a "three-nil" building recently, causing residents significant distress. Hence, he hoped that the departments would adopt more flexible measures to prevent fire accidents by, for example, collaborating with social welfare organisations not subsidised by the Government in Tsuen Wan district.

43. Mr LAU Chi-hung suggested that the TWDO should strengthen its role in mobilising residents and liaising with voluntary organisations in the district. It should also resolve long-standing environmental hygiene problems by making effective use of existing resources. He further pointed out that the Working Group on Environmental Protection and Improvement under the Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee had co-organised two refuse clearance activities at "three-nil" buildings together with district organisations. He hoped that the Government would provide resources to create additional incentives for residents to take part in more related activities.

44. Mr CHIU Yan-loy opined that the Government should deal with the problem of sub-divided flat households being overcharged for electricity by drawing reference from the proposed amendments to the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap. 102) relating to overcharging such households for water. Although he could assist in contacting the CLP to install independent electricity meters for sub-divided flat households in old buildings, it was difficult to obtain consent from owners. Besides, given the poor living environment of some old buildings without OCs in Tsuen Wan district at present, the owners hoped that the Government would formulate a redevelopment policy to ease their hardship in everyday life. Also, he pointed out that the BD failed to fully remind occupants before taking enforcement action. He hoped that the BD would enhance relevant measures.

45. Mr WONG Ka-wa opined that the TWDO should form a team to attend to households of "three-nil" buildings 18 hours a day. As the living environment of old buildings in other areas had improved upon completion of urban renewal works, he hoped that the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) would assist in improving the situation of "three-nil" buildings. While he understood the importance of weighing the need to preserve old areas against the new value that could be added by renewal projects, he would rather want to help improve the living environment of residents of the district.

46. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said he would submit a paper on urban renewal at the next meeting. Moreover, he had paid a visit to the FEHD's idle quarters atop Tsuen Wan Market and found that the hygiene conditions were poor. He thus supported the proposal for changing the use of the quarters as stated in the

captioned paper. Besides, he pointed out that a resident of an old building at Ho Pui Street approached him to seek assistance. The resident requested the owner to terminate the tenancy because the external wall of the residential flat concerned was peeling and there was water seepage. However, the owner said that the deposit would be forfeited in such a case. He held that this type of problem might involve fraud and hoped that the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) and other government departments would proactively tackle the problem.

47. Mr LAM Sek-tim agreed that it was difficult to help old buildings to form OCs. As fatal fire accidents happened in many old buildings recently, the Government should consider implementing a subsidy scheme first to facilitate the procurement of fire extinguishers to be placed at rear staircases of old buildings for the sake of the safety of residents of old buildings. In addition, he learnt that a vehicle would put refuse bins into place at around 6:00 p.m. every day, but the refuse bins would become overloaded in about one hour after being set up. He hoped that the FEHD would pay attention to this situation.

48. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus was concerned about the overall arrangements in support of old buildings. As Members had submitted papers on sub-divided flats, old areas and community support to different committees for discussion, he hoped that the government departments would enhance communication among themselves for long-term follow-up and support for residents of old areas. Moreover, he enquired of the LCSD whether it was feasible to rent spaces in shopping malls or commercial buildings in old areas for use as libraries.

49. Mr MAN Yu-ming opined that the redevelopment of old areas, as a long-term measure, could solve problems arising from old buildings. Yet, short-term measures such as rent control and standardisation of tenancy should also be formulated for sub-divided flats. With the waiting time for a public rental housing (PRH) flat now approaching six years, he advised the Government to adopt a measure requiring the renewal of sub-divided flat tenancy every two years. This could prevent tenants of sub-divided flats from being evicted by owners before being allocated a PRH flat, thereby helping to allay the anxiety of the tenants.

50. Senior Building Surveyor/D5 of the BD responded that regarding the BD's further enforcement operation against UBWs (e.g. clearance of rooftop houses), the BD would send social workers to communicate with occupants to learn about their needs before the operation. It would also maintain a close liaison with the HD in respect of the accommodation of the occupants, and arrange temporary accommodation in Transit Centres for occupants in need.

51. Assistant Divisional Officer (Building Improvement)²¹ of the FSD responded as follows:

- (1) it was stipulated in the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Cap. 572) that Fire Safety Directions should be issued to all occupants. However, Luk Yeung Sun Chuen had not formed an OC yet. It therefore took a certain amount of time for the FSD and post office to process and issue some tens of thousands of copies of the Fire Safety Directions. Also, the FSD had to implement the special work

arrangement under the epidemic. Hence, it had not been able to issue the Fire Safety Directions to Luk Yeung Sun Chuen in time; and

- (2) the work of issuing the Fire Safety Directions was almost complete. Also, Case Officers of the FSD had already contacted the management office of Luk Yeung Sun Chuen to actively follow up on and tackle the problems involved. He believed that owners would have gained a rough understanding of the requirements before receiving the Fire Safety Directions.

52. District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD would follow up on the issue of overloaded refuse bins mentioned by the Member; and
- (2) the FEHD currently arranged for the idle quarters atop Tsuen Wan Market to store articles of different government departments. Members were welcome to discuss views, if any, on the use or development of the quarters with the FEHD.

53. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD responded that regarding the enquiry as to whether the LCSD would rent spaces in shopping malls for use as libraries, the LCSD would ask relevant staff to directly contact the Member after the meeting.

54. Senior Liaison Officer (2) of the TWDO responded that the TWDO thanked Members for their suggestions and advice on the TWDO's role and manpower resources in respect of building management. The TWDO would continuously step up its efforts to promote the message of proper building management among owners and residents in Tsuen Wan district, and help them to more effectively manage buildings and improve environmental hygiene in buildings under various supporting services and schemes.

55. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly agreed that the TWDO should step up its efforts to assist old buildings in forming OCs or owners' committees. He hoped that the TWDO would allocate additional resources to its relevant unit. Moreover, he had relayed to the FSD the concern of many resident representatives in the district about the lack of firefighting equipment of the minimum standard (e.g. fire extinguishers) in their buildings. He hoped that the departments concerned would arrange for or require owners to equip their buildings with firefighting equipment. Besides, he hoped that the Government would enhance the facilities at Tsuen Wan Market Roof-top Playground, or convert it into a rest garden or community nursery to provide a place for tenants of sub-divided flats and other members of the community to relax their body and mind. He believed that the TWDC would be glad to support this proposal. Finally, he hoped that the LCSD would provide more spaces in Tsuen Wan Public Library so that children living in sub-divided flats could study and use the Internet in the library.

56. Assistant Divisional Officer (Support)1 of the FSD responded as follows:

- (1) the HAD had rolled out a pilot scheme for distributing portable home firefighting equipment in collaboration with the FSD. It was

suggested that fire extinguishers and fire blankets should be distributed to households of designated buildings for immediate enhancement of fire safety at home; and

- (2) following the fire accident which resulted in multiple casualties at the end of 2020, the FSD and BD had inspected about 2 800 buildings aged 60 years or above in the territory. It was found after the inspections that Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po districts had the highest numbers of such buildings. Hence, the pilot scheme would be implemented in these three districts. It was endorsed by the Kowloon City District Fire Safety Committee on 9 March 2021. The pilot scheme would be put forth at the meetings of the Sham Shui Po District Fire Safety Committee and Yau Tsim Mong District Fire Safety Committee on 26 and 29 March 2021 respectively. He hoped that Members of the said committees would support the pilot scheme.

57. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly suggested implementing the pilot scheme in Tsuen Wan.

58. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu enquired whether the FSD could email Members information on the pilot scheme.

59. Assistant Divisional Officer (Support)1 of the FSD responded that the FSD could provide Members with information on the pilot scheme.

60. The Acting Chairman hoped that the government departments would consider Members' views. If the departments wished to provide supplementary information for Members, they could contact the Members concerned after the meeting or distribute the information to them via the Secretariat.

61. The Chairman resumed the chair.

VI Item 5: Request for Installation of Live Broadcasting Equipment and System for the Tsuen Wan District Council, and Proposed Improvements to Other Equipment of the Conference Room
(TWDC Paper No. 108/20-21)

62. The Chairman stated that Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio submitted the paper. The representative from the department responsible for giving response was Mr KWONG Chi-wing, Denis, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of the TWDO. Besides, the written replies of the ArchSD and Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) were tabled at the meeting.

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

64. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio was pleased to note that the EMSD had assisted the TWDO in making a funding application for replacement of the public address system of the Conference Room. The Government had all along attached great importance to the role played by the DCs. To strengthen the functions of the DCs, the Urban Council and Regional Council were disbanded in 2000. Given the

absence of an independent secretariat for DCs, he opined that the TWDO should provide, through its Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat, a live broadcast service for DC meetings similar to the one for the Legislative Council (LegCo), and an archive service allowing public access to these live broadcasts. Whilst these services were yet to be provided, the HAD or TWDO should assist the TWDC in making a funding application for the installation of a quality audio-visual system, and consult Members before the tendering exercise. In addition, he suggested that the hand-held microphones currently in use should be replaced with box-type table top microphones, which were currently in use in other DCs. He also pointed out the over-cooling of the Conference Room, hoping that the departments would follow up.

(Note: Mr YAU Kam-ping left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.)

65. Mr WONG Ka-wa said that although the Conference Room was equipped with sufficient lighting, the public address system was outdated and the hand-held microphones were very inconvenient. Hence, he opined that it was necessary to replace such equipment. Besides, he suggested that considerations should be given to installing a closed-circuit television system in the Conference Room so as to enable voters to monitor the conduct of meetings.

66. Mr LAM Sek-tim pointed out that the air-conditioning system of the Conference Room over-cooled or over-warmed the room erratically. In addition, as the design of the hand-held microphones caused inconvenience to Members when they spoke, he suggested replacing them with table top microphones. Besides, the nameplates and personal belongings of Members could easily fall into the void in the middle of the conference table. He hoped that improvements could be made accordingly.

67. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus pointed out that due to the poor sound system of the Conference Room, which was even worse than those in primary and secondary schools, Members encountered difficulties in playing the sound of their video clips when showing them at previous meetings. Hence, he suggested replacing the current sound system with a new one so that Members could control the way they played videos from their mobile phones and make the meetings more interactive. In addition, he opined that the current temperature in the Conference Room was not 25.5°C, the temperature stated in the EMSD's written reply. He believed that the frequent cases of over-cooling of the Conference Room was caused by the lack of a thermostatic function in the air-conditioning system of the Conference Room. Besides, he hoped that the kettle in the Conference Room, which had already become rusty, would be replaced as soon as possible.

68. Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy pointed out that while the issue of retention of audio recordings of meetings was ruled non-compliant with the functions of a DC as stipulated in the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547), a discussion on the equipment of the Conference Room was nevertheless allowed. Thus, he could not understand the Government's criteria in determining whether an issue was in compliance with the District Councils Ordinance. In addition, in the first meeting of the TWDC, he had already requested the installation of a television for live broadcasts of the meetings of the TWDC. The TWDO subsequently stated that it would follow

up on the matter, only to point out later that his proposal was opposed by the Government Property Agency (GPA). He thus enquired about the progress in respect of the proposal. Besides, he hoped that there would still be live webcasts of the meetings on the website of the TWDC even if the TWDO could not follow the practice of the LegCo and broadcast the meetings live on a big screen.

69. Mr LAI Man-fai said that while official live broadcasts of meetings of the LegCo were provided, a similar arrangement had not been made for the meetings of the DCs. To enhance the transparency of the DCs, he suggested that live broadcasts of meetings of the DCs should be provided so that members of the public could monitor the performance of District Councillors at the meeting.

70. Mr TSE Man-chak said that the Conference Room was warmer than usual today. In addition, the microphone system currently in use was prone to produce a hissing noise. As the microphone and its on-off switch were separate, speakers might use the microphones of their neighbours by mistake. Besides, since a request for installation of a live broadcasting system was already made by Members last year with a view to enhancing the transparency of the DC, he hoped that the matter would be followed up promptly.

71. The Chairman said that in his early years as District Councillor, the sound system of the Conference Room was used together with the box-type table top microphones. He hoped that the departments would make improvement promptly as it was very inconvenient to use hand-held microphones in the Conference Room at present. In addition, as live broadcasts of the meetings of the TWDC could currently only be provided by Members themselves or their assistants, the quality of the videos was far from satisfactory. He thus hoped that the Government would provide a live broadcast service for the meetings. Besides, he suggested discussing with the GPA the possibility of opening the idle escalators outside the Conference Room for public use, or demolishing the escalators altogether to save resources required for the maintenance and repair of the escalators.

72. Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the operation of the TWDC was currently maintained at a high level of transparency. Members of the public could have access to various types of information including agendas, papers, audio recordings and minutes of the meetings on the website of the TWDC. When important matters were discussed in the meetings of the TWDC, they would also receive wide coverage on television or in the electronic media;
- (2) according to the model text of the District Council Standing Orders provided by the HAD for DCs' reference, members of the public observing the meeting were not forbidden to broadcast live during the meeting, but were only prohibited from disrupting the conduct of the meeting. DCs could allow members of the public who observed a DC meeting to broadcast live provided that the meeting was not disrupted. It was fairly common for members of the public observing DC meetings to broadcast the meetings live;

- (3) the Government was still carefully examining the technical and operational feasibility of the proposal on live broadcast arrangement. It would also review the manpower and resources implications to ensure the proper use of public funds; and
- (4) the TWDO would follow up on the matter of the equipment of the Conference Room and the repair of such equipment with the departments concerned in a timely manner.

73. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio hoped that, apart from considering the improvement of the public address system of the Conference Room, the TWDO would also study the arrangement of live broadcast of meetings. In addition, he opined that meetings should be held in a spacious, comfortable and suitably air-conditioned conference room equipped with sufficient, user-friendly and properly functioning conferencing equipment in order that Members could voice their views freely and speak for the public. Besides, considering that tea service was unavailable at present and the kettle had become rusty, he hoped that the TWDO would provide Members with high-quality and proper support services on council affairs in the absence of an independent secretariat so that Members could serve the public without worries.

74. The Chairman hoped that the departments would accord priority to following up on items which were simpler in nature, such as replacement of the kettle, audio-recording devices and other equipment.

VII Item 6: Concern about the Need for Thorough Investigation into a Case of Illegal Discharge of Fireworks at Tsuen Wan Centre
(TWDC Paper No. 109/20-21)

75. The Chairman stated that Mr LAU Cheuk-yu submitted the paper. The representative from the department responsible for giving response was Mr Kerry Paul Lee CAREW, District Commander (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF. Besides, the written reply of the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) was tabled at the meeting.

76. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu introduced the paper.

77. Mr CHIU Yan-loy was concerned about the incident of discharge of fireworks at Tsuen Wan Centre on Lunar New Year's Day this year. He noted that the suspects were arrested and might be charged by the Police under the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228), but were nevertheless released on bail on the same day. As the maximum penalty for such an offence was only six months' imprisonment, its deterrent effect was limited. He pointed out that there had been a number of incidents of discharge of fireworks within the premises of private housing estates this year, and doubted the effectiveness of the Police, C&ED and other law enforcement agencies in intercepting explosives at source before their illegal entry into Hong Kong. In addition, he was concerned about the many instances of discharge of fireworks which occurred at Chuen Lung Village during Lunar New Year, and enquired whether the Police had taken any enforcement action and made any arrest accordingly.

78. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio opined that the above incidents would affect animals in the community. For example, pet dogs might be frightened by the noise of firecrackers, and subsequently dash to vehicular roads and cause accidents. Thus, he suggested that the Police should strengthen its enforcement work.

79. The Vice Chairman said that since the incident in question occurred in his own constituency, he had written to the Police to request follow-up action. Noting that the Police had arrested suspects related to the incident, he expressed his gratitude for the HKPF's swift action in handling the incident. He pointed out that the suspects discharged fireworks at the central part of the housing estate concerned, with the vertical range of the fireworks as high as ten-odd storeys. If the fireworks had been fired in the wrong direction, they could have been shot directly into residential flats or even at power lines, with consequences more serious than those of discharging ordinary fireworks.

80. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus enquired about the progress of the Police's investigation into the above incident, and whether the Police would initiate any prosecution. He pointed out that there had all along been occurrences of similar incidents. In the past four or five years, residents of Tsuen Wan district had seen people discharging fireworks around certain old village houses in the district and in the vicinity of Sam Tung Uk Village during Lunar New Year. Hence, he suggested that the Police should handle the problem at source by investigating the sources of those fireworks and advising residents shortly before Lunar New Year against discharging fireworks.

81. District Commander (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded as follows:

- (1) the discharge of fireworks was not only a breach of the law, but was also a safety hazard to members of the public and their property. Public safety had all along been one of the Police's key responsibilities, and the Police would not tolerate such a dangerous act. Shortly before certain festivals such as Lunar New Year, Ching Ming Festival, National Day and Chung Yeung Festival, the Police would step up its publicity and enforcement efforts against the illegal discharge of fireworks;
- (2) under section 6 of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295), any person who illegally possessed fireworks committed an offence, and was liable to a fine of \$25,000 and six months' imprisonment. It was also an offence under section 59 of the Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations (Cap. 295B) to discharge or cause to be discharged any firework without a permit granted by the Authority, and offenders were liable to a fine of \$2,000. Furthermore, any person who wantonly or negligently threw or set fire to any firework to the damage or danger of any person committed an offence under section 4 of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228), and was liable to a fine of \$2,000 or three months' imprisonment; and
- (3) in 2019 and 2020, the HKPF arrested three persons in Tsuen Wan district in respect of three separate cases of possession or discharge of fireworks. In respect of the case on the evening of 12 February 2021, the Police received a report that fireworks were being discharged in the

vicinity of Tsuen Wan Centre. Upon the Police's arrival, no person discharging fireworks could be located. After an investigation by detectives of Tsuen Wan Police Station, two suspects were arrested on 3 March 2021.

82. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu pointed out that while the relevant ordinances had been in force for years, such incidents still occurred from time to time. Thus, he suggested that the Police should adopt preventive measures accordingly. Since the aforesaid incident occurred at Tsuen Wan Centre, a location near residential premises and the police station, and lasted for several minutes, he was worried that if the Police did not take any action, there would be a recurrence of similar incidents. Thus, he suggested that the Police should pay attention to the impact of the aforesaid incident on residents.

83. The Chairman said that there had been quite a number of instances of discharge of fireworks on festive occasions in the district in recent years, with each instance lasting for several minutes. Hence, he suggested that the Police should step up its publicity efforts and remind people of matters relating to the discharge of fireworks immediately before festivals, and take stringent enforcement action so as to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents.

VIII Item 7: Request for Expediting the Redevelopment of Old Public Housing Estates in Tsuen Wan District
(TWDC Paper No. 110/20-21)

84. The Chairman stated that Mr LAI Man-fai submitted the paper. The representative from the department responsible for giving response was Ms CHUNG Dip-fun, Sarah, Senior Housing Manager/Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 2, HD. Besides, the consolidated written reply of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) and HD and the written reply of the PlanD were tabled at the meeting.

85. Mr LAI Man-fai introduced the paper.

86. Mr LAU Chi-hung said that according to the information released by the Finance Committee of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) in early 2021, the unit cost of a PRH flat was \$610,000 at present. It had reduced by \$50,000 compared to the unit cost in the past. Hence, he advised government departments to expedite large-scale redevelopment of old PRH estates in the district. Besides, he cast doubt on the effectiveness of the Government's policy of supporting NGOs to construct transitional housing. He also pointed out that among the three subsidised transitional housing projects which were endorsed in December 2020, a total provision of more than \$70 million was allocated to the project to be implemented at the site of former Tsuen Wan Lutheran School in Cheung Shan Estate, Tsuen Wan. It was expected that about 142 flats would be provided under the project, i.e. the unit cost per flat would be about \$500,000 on average. He thus recommended that the Government should make effective use of these resources to speed up the construction of PRH flats.

87. Mr CHIU Yan-loy said that there was an undersupply of PRH flats in Hong Kong. He thus suggested transferring tenants of some old PRH estates to recently

completed PRH flats in the district so as to improve their living environment. This approach could also release sites for construction of higher-density buildings, thereby boosting the supply of PRH flats. He pointed out that according to the PlanD, it planned to construct PRH flats on at least three sites in the district, and 4 000 PRH flats were expected to be provided under a relatively large-scale project to be implemented at the site between Cheung Shan Estate and Lei Muk Shue Estate. Hence, he enquired whether the HD had studied the transfer of tenants of old PRH estates nearby to these new PRH estates with a view to vacating the sites for redevelopment.

88. Mr WONG Ka-wa suggested drawing up a timetable for PRH redevelopment in the district. He opined that this approach could effectively shorten the waiting time of PRH applicants. It could also tie in with the development of transport and other facilities in the areas concerned. In view of the recent discovery of a rare species *Torenia fournieri* (commonly known as wishbone flower) near Tsuen Wan No. 2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir, he opined that the development would cause damage to the vegetation at the said location and went against the principle of environmental protection. Besides, the redevelopment project could only provide 4 000 flats, which was fewer than the number of flats provided under other PRH redevelopment projects in the district. As such, he and relevant mutual aid committees objected to the implementation of the project by the Development Bureau (DEVB) and other departments concerned.

89. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio supported the captioned paper. He also advised the THB to study the possibility of expediting the redevelopment of old PRH estates in the district, instead of focusing efforts on constructing transitional housing with merely 100-odd flats.

90. Ms CHAN Kim-kam said that given the shortage of PRH flats in Hong Kong at present, the grassroots failed to be allocated PRH flats. She thus understood the necessity of PRH redevelopment. Yet, according to a paper of the LegCo, the allocation of PRH flats to applicants who were new immigrants and new arrival families settling in Hong Kong for family reunion on One-way Permits was expedited in recent years. This practice was unfair to Hong Kong residents. As such, she suggested that the Government should control the population and tackle fundamental population problems. She also proposed that when redeveloping PRH estates in the populous Tsuen Wan district, the Government should arrange in-situ rehousing and reserve sufficient PRH flats for Hong Kong people to meet the housing needs of the grassroots.

91. Mr LAM Sek-tim said that Tsuen Wan town centre was packed with sub-divided flats of which the living environment was extremely unfavourable. The redevelopment of old areas was the best compromise. He pointed out that residents aspired for redevelopment of old areas and in-situ rehousing. He thus suggested converting old low-rise PRH blocks into 40-storey ones and solving long-standing hygiene problems in the district. Tenants of sub-divided flats around the town centre would benefit from these measures.

92. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus said that the Government would readily assist developers in land resumption; yet, it was reluctant to invoke the Lands Resumption Ordinance (Cap. 124) to resume brownfield sites which were privately owned by developers. Besides, the site reserved for the second phase development of the Hong Kong Disneyland was currently idle. Despite that, the Government had no development plan for the site. It illustrated that the Government only attached weight to developers' interests. Moreover, he had received many cases of new immigrants settling in Hong Kong for family reunion. They would petition for divorce after being allocated PRH flats. He thus advised government regulation targeting the problem, and agreed that the population should be controlled.

93. Mr MAN Yu-ming opined that the redevelopment of old PRH estates was a major way to boost the supply of PRH flats. Also, he regretted that there was no redevelopment plan for several PRH estates in Tsuen Wan district at the moment. He suggested removing barriers for the existing policy of in-situ rehousing, demolishing low-rise buildings in different PRH estates with an "ants moving home" approach, and rehousing an appropriate number of tenants to idle locations (e.g. the site of the former Kwai Chung Public School) with a view to expediting the redevelopment.

94. Senior Housing Manager/Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 2 of the HD responded as follows:

- (1) the HD noted that Members and the public were concerned about the issue of in-situ rehousing during PRH redevelopment in the district. She said that the availability of suitable resources near proposed redevelopment sites for rehousing affected tenants was one of the key factors for consideration of redevelopment policies; and
- (2) the HD had no plan to redevelop the four aged PRH estates in Tsuen Wan district for the time being. Nevertheless, the HD would consider Members' views together with other factors.

95. Mr LAI Man-fai was disappointed at the HD's response. In his opinion, the redevelopment of one seven-storey block of a PRH estate into a new block with 40 storeys could not only boost the supply of PRH flats right away but could also enable in-situ rehousing of tenants affected by the redevelopment. Also, this measure would not prolong the waiting time of PRH applicants. Moreover, he was dissatisfied with the HD's refusal to retrofit Cheung Shan Commercial Centre with a lift and its proposal for using the lift at Tsui Shan House, Cheung Shan Estate as an alternative. He held that the HD had failed to take into account one factor, i.e. shop operators would deliver goods using the lift. The associated security problems might jeopardise the safety of tenants of Tsui Shan House.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr CHAN Sung-ip and Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.)

IX Item 8: Discussion on the Lack of Awareness of Building Management among Owners of Old Buildings
(TWDC Paper No. 111/20-21)

96. The Chairman stated that Mr LAU Jackson submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie, Senior Liaison Officer (2), TWDO; and
- (2) Mr TSUI Ka-kim, Senior Building Surveyor/D5, BD.

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

97. Mr LAU Jackson introduced the paper.

98. The Vice Chairman opined that it was difficult for large housing estates with 2 000 to 3 000 flats to seek assistance from Members in handling building management matters, not to mention old buildings. In his opinion, the TWDO had failed to fully cope with the work of assisting old buildings in forming OCs. He thus suggested contracting out the work to NGOs. Besides, he recommended providing a small amount of allowance for OC chairmen of old buildings as an incentive. He also proposed that where necessary, management companies should be engaged to assist in managing old buildings until their corresponding OCs had formed.

99. Mr CHIU Yan-loy said that while the provision of assistance or incentives by the TWDO or other departments could facilitate the formation of OCs for buildings, it was ultimately the owners who should willingly take up that critical responsibility. Unfortunately, occupants of sub-divided flats or old buildings were usually not the owners. The owners, on the other hand, would simply receive rents regularly after having appointed solicitors' firms or real estate agents to manage their buildings, or outsourced the division of their flats into separate units to consortia. He pointed out that during the epidemic, many pipe misconnection cases were identified in Tsuen Wan. Although the problems should be urgently dealt with, owners of the buildings in question were nowhere to be found. He learnt that the BD had put in place a mechanism at present so that where the misconnection of pipes could not be solved, the BD would assist in conducting repairs for the buildings first, and charge the owners the cost of repairs and 20% surcharge afterwards. Hence, he proposed that the Government should first help old buildings tackle the misconnection of pipes and recover the cost from the owners subsequently.

100. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio agreed to Members' suggestions. He said that currently the major ways to facilitate the formation of OCs for buildings were publicity, education and law enforcement. While agreeing to the proposal of providing an allowance, he held that the amount of allowance would not be very attractive. He thus advised that the Government should consider creating more opportunities for OCs to exchange views with the URA and make it easier for OCs to obtain information on redevelopment. This would enhance the attractiveness of the idea of forming an OC.

101. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus opined that the TWDO only provided limited support for building repairs. He advised that the TWDO should help provide a list of qualified contractors to forestall the aggravation of building problems due to the engagement of unqualified contractors for repairs. While he understood that the TWDO should remain neutral, he hoped that staff of the TWDO would cite examples for reference when answering owners' enquires on the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) at the scene to enable owners to make a final decision on their own.

102. Mr LAM Sek-tim said that at the invitation of a community organisation, he previously took part in a reality show where participants experienced what it was like living in a sub-divided flat. During the show, he learnt that some tenants often found

it difficult to reach the owners. Also, he was dissatisfied that owners of sub-divided flats only received rents and refused to bear the cost of cleaning work. As many owners of old buildings aged 50 years were elders, it was difficult to ask them to serve as OC members. He thus suggested that the TWDO should enhance relevant work. He also proposed that the departments should purchase fire extinguishers for buildings in old areas (e.g. Yi Pei Square and Sam Pei Square). If not, he would purchase fire extinguishers for residents himself.

103. Senior Liaison Officer (2) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) building management covered an array of daily operational aspects, say, environmental hygiene, building security, maintenance of communal facilities and so on. As owners and occupants of “three-nil” buildings had not formed any OCs, they lacked a platform for discussing and dealing with issues of shared concern. It was thus difficult for them to carry out building management work in an effective manner;
- (2) all along, the HAD had been highly concerned about the management of old buildings. Apart from rendering advice and assistance to owners in respect of building management, the HAD would also provide a legal framework and assist buildings in forming OCs pursuant to the Building Management Ordinance. Also, the HAD implemented the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme and Resident Liaison Ambassador Scheme in 2011 to enhance the support for owners of old “three-nil” buildings. The Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme concluded in December 2020. The HAD was taking stock of the experience and wished to regularise the Scheme within 2021. The HAD would continue to recruit Resident Liaison Ambassadors to help government departments to contact residents of the buildings. This would facilitate the establishment of a platform for discussing and handling daily management work of the buildings; and
- (3) it was often difficult for old buildings (especially “three-nil” buildings) to have their own OCs formed because they were constrained by their existing problems and actual conditions. For example, many residents of such a building were tenants instead of owners; elderly owners accounted for a larger proportion of owners of the building, and were not interested in forming an OC and participating in relevant work; and some buildings had more than one Deed of Mutual Covenant. The HAD would step up its efforts to promote the message of building management among owners and residents, and continue to provide them with various supporting services and schemes with a view to assisting in effective implementation of building management work.

104. Senior Building Surveyor/D5 of the BD responded as follows:

- (1) the BD would issue an order to owners to demand rectification of building problems in the first instance. If the owners refused to comply with the order, the BD would institute prosecution. In case they still failed to act in compliance with the order upon being prosecuted, the BD would conduct rectification works on behalf of the

- owners after reviewing the case in question (including the availability of manpower and feasibility of the works), subject to the owners' cooperation during the implementation of rectification works; and
- (2) it was mentioned in the Budget that a provision of HK\$1 billion was earmarked for a scheme under which repairs for communal building drainage by owners would be subsidised. The scheme covered 3 100 private buildings. Half of the provision would be allocated to the URA to directly subsidise repairs carried out by owners. Besides, the BD would proactively assist in conducting repairs for 1 550 buildings to resolve their drainage problems. To be eligible for the said scheme, buildings should meet the requirements such as having a rateable value below the upper limit. Upon the completion of repairs, if the subsidy did not exceed the upper limit, the BD would only charge the owners 20% of the cost of such works. The BD welcomed other cases of relevant buildings from Members for a review of the eligibility of those buildings for the scheme.

105. Mr LAU Jackson opined that owners evaded their responsibility for repairs just because the BD provided such a subsidy. He pointed out that it was because owners randomly converted flats into sub-divided flats in their buildings that residents of the entire buildings suffered from the associated problems and had to pool money to conduct repairs. The situation was unreasonable. Besides, as the departments probably lacked relevant powers, they seldom sent staff to conduct inspections inside the flats. In addition, he held that the TWDO currently had a shortage of manpower and did not have the power to take law enforcement action. Also, most of the owners of old buildings were elders incapable of managing the buildings. He thus advised the Government to introduce relevant legislation and establish an Old Buildings Authority for centralised management of all old buildings.

106. The Chairman said that while charging high rents, owners of sub-divided flats in old buildings were not willing to bear the responsibility for repairs. The BD would even help these owners to conduct repairs and provide them with subsidies. As a result, the owners would ignore building problems and orders issued against them. In his opinion, the Government should increase the penalties for breaching the order or even institute prosecution. It should also double the cost of repairs instead of charging only 20% of such cost. Moreover, he hoped that the TWDO would coordinate the provision of fire extinguishers and fire blankets for old buildings in Tsuen Wan district and convey this proposal to the FSD. Members could also raise funds in the district to provide assistance for residents if necessary.

107. The Chairman said that due to the limited time of provision of the simultaneous interpretation service, agenda items 13 and 14 would be discussed first.

X Item 13: Crime Brief for Tsuen Wan District – Comparison of Crime Statistics between January 2021 and January 2020
(TWDC Paper No. 116/20-21)

108. District Commander (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported on the crime situation of Tsuen Wan district.

109. The Chairman was worried about the increase in crimes, especially the surge in deception cases.

110. Mr LAI Man-fai was pleased that some crimes decreased. However, recently, he received many complaints from housewives and residents who frequently visited markets about the serious problem of on-street prostitutes around Ho Pui Street. In the past, on-street prostitutes only appeared at night. Yet, they could also be found in the afternoon lately. The problem adversely affected the cityscape and public morals. It might also lead to related criminal acts and issues relating to communicable diseases. As such, he enquired whether there was an actual drop in vice crimes.

111. Mr LAU Chi-hung enquired whether home robbery fell into burglary. He pointed out that despite the drop in overall crimes, there was a spate of home robberies at Sea Crest Villa, Sham Tseng during the Lunar New Year. He believed that Sea Crest Villa had become a target for criminals, and hoped that the Police would pay more attention in this regard.

112. Mr CHIU Yan-loy opined that due to a deteriorating economy, deception and domestic violence crimes were on the rise. Over the past six months, unlawful society activities became more frequent around Tsuen King Circuit, including Tsuen Wan Centre and Allway Gardens. Unlawful societies might commit criminal damage, criminal intimidation, blackmail and other offences. He hoped that the Tsuen Wan Police District would pay more attention to this problem.

113. Mr WONG Ka-wa thanked the Police for previously conducting an operation against illegal gambling at Lei Muk Shue. However, he learnt that the illegal gamblers in question gathered and gambled again after the departure of the Police. Hence, he hoped that subject to the availability of manpower, the Police would conduct the operation more frequently to minimise illegal gambling. As the illegal gamblers wore no face masks, smoked or casually urinated and defecated, they also caused an adverse impact on environmental hygiene. Besides, promotional leaflets on the sale of illicit cigarettes were found inside mailboxes at public housing estates. He hoped that the departments concerned would pay attention to the above.

114. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio hoped that the Police would collaborate with the FEHD and conduct more joint operations, including operations with the deployment of large grab lorries, with a view to tackling street management problems in old areas. Besides, he opined that streets should not be misused as private warehouses. He pointed out that a certain goods vehicle, which was often parked at Ho Pui Street, actually served as a fixed back-up warehouse for replenishment of fruits. He hoped that the Police would follow the practice of parking a police vehicle at Chung On Street in the daytime, and park another one at Ho Pui Street to achieve deterrence. In addition, he strongly requested the Police to combat the noise problem at Fui Yiu Kok Street.

115. Mr LAM Sek-tim pointed out that there was a total of three burglaries in January 2021 but the detection rate was zero. He enquired whether the Police had thus far still not been able to detect the cases. Besides, the problem of on-street

prostitutes was serious around Ho Pui Street, Chuen Lung Street and Chung On Street. On-street prostitutes even outnumbered police officers on patrol. In addition, he hoped that the Police would enhance patrols at Yi Pei Square and Sam Pei Square. Finally, goods of many shops around Ho Pui Street were placed on carriageways, resulting in obstruction. He hoped that the Police would park a police vehicle on Ho Pui Street every week to achieve deterrence and resolve the problems in the district.

116. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus pointed out that many youngsters had encountered online scams. Some had even fallen into the trap of naked chat scams. He thus enquired of the Police about the category of crime into which cases relating to naked chat scams would fall, and whether it had a systematic approach to follow up on these cases. He suggested that the Police should search for related information with the aid of “hashtag”, conduct decoy operations, and enhance related publicity and educational work. All this, he believed, would yield fruitful results. Moreover, he proposed that the Police should take a “surprise return” approach to deal with illegal parking, i.e. it should conduct an inspection again after a short period of time. He believed that this approach could enhance the deterrence. In addition, he pointed out that a resident of Phase II, Belvedere Garden sought assistance from a police station after being mistakenly dunned and harassed. However, according to the staff of the report room, the said situation could only be put on record because it did not directly affect the victim. He enquired about the reasons why the incident could only be put on record, and said that the staff of the report room displayed unsatisfactory attitude.

117. Ms CHAN Kim-kam opined that since Hong Kong was an advanced and civilised society, remarks should be made without stigmatisation at the meetings of the TWDC. For example, people who engaged in sex work should be referred to as “sex workers”. Also, she believed that the existence of sex workers in society was neither a likely cause of hygiene problems and communicable diseases, nor a social phenomenon which was an affront to public morals. The problem of communicable diseases could be caused by an array of factors, and could be solved by proper social planning and relevant measures. Also, she opined that the Government should tackle at source the problems relating to illegal immigrants engaging in unlawful sex work in Hong Kong, including the activities of independent procurers and syndicated human trafficking, with a view to eradicating vice crimes.

118. The Chairman said that residents of public housing estates managed by the HD, village houses and private residential buildings had all received promotional leaflets on the sale of illicit cigarettes. It was an offence to buy or sell illicit cigarettes. As illicit cigarettes were cheaper, he was worried that some residents might purchase illicit cigarettes and violate the law, and that youngsters might work as agents selling illicit cigarettes out of greed. As such, he advised the Police to enhance law enforcement together with the C&ED and intercept the sale of illicit cigarettes at source. Also, he proposed that the HD should step up law enforcement to prohibit the distribution of the aforementioned promotional leaflets in public housing estates. In addition, illegal business operations were rampant around Tsuen Wan town centre and markets. Some vehicles were even persistently parked at the said locations, serving as warehouses. It caused grave inconvenience to road users

and posed danger. He thus suggested that the Police should enhance the relevant enforcement operation in collaboration with the FEHD. Besides, although the Police had conducted several operations against illegal gambling in Lei Muk Shue Estate, the situation at Toa Shue House and Fung Shue House remained serious. Illegal gambling activities had even spread to Kwai Shue House. Thus, he hoped that the Police would enhance law enforcement to eradicate illegal gambling.

119. District Commander (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded as follows:

- (1) deception was the most prevalent type of crime in Tsuen Wan district, accounting for about a quarter of the overall crime figures in Tsuen Wan district. In the year 2020 alone, there were 645 cases of deception reported, representing an increase of more than 120% compared with the year 2019. It was believed that the increase was related to the fact that more people were stuck at home upon the outbreak of COVID-19;
- (2) the number of blackmail cases also increased from 6 in 2019 to 37 in 2020, with more than 70% of them related to naked chat on the computer. As about half of the naked chat cases involved students, the Police launched a publicity and educational activity on cybercrime in Tsuen Wan district in October 2020 to foster a greater awareness of cybercrime among students and their families;
- (3) as the act of prostitution itself was not illegal, the target of the Police's law enforcement was actually persons who controlled sex workers. In 2020, the Police conducted 15 operations against vice crimes and arrested a total of 55 persons, among which 51 were female and 4 were male. The females were arrested for various offences, including soliciting for an immoral purpose, taking employment after landing in Hong Kong, breach of conditions of stay without the permission of the Director of Immigration, and other immigration-related offences, whereas the males were arrested for assisting illegal immigrants, and aiding and abetting the commission of an offence. The Police was highly concerned about the said situation and was committed to combatting such crimes to prevent vice crimes and organised prostitution activities from affecting the public. The Police currently adopted an intelligence-led approach and would deploy uniformed officers to patrol the black spots concerned having regard to the law and order as well as the manpower in the district with a view to vigorously tackling the said problems;
- (4) the Police was committed to combatting illegal gambling activities, and adopted a three-pronged strategy comprising deterrence, law enforcement, and publicity and education to curb gambling activities in Tsuen Wan district. In 2020, the Police conducted six operations against illegal gambling in Lei Muk Shue Estate and arrested a total of 20 persons. The Police also issued press releases and distributed leaflets to advise the public not to take part in illegal activities. To prevent the public from gathering under the epidemic, the Police would, during law enforcement operations conducted under the Gambling Ordinance (Cap. 148), issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs) to people who violated the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on

Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599G) (i.e. the prohibition on group gathering), including the illegal gamblers themselves and onlookers. In 2021, the HKPF conducted three operations in Lei Muk Shue Estate. Four persons were arrested and 26 FPNs were issued. To enhance the impact of the enforcement action, the HKPF worked closely with the HD, which would award five penalty points under the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates to households having breached the relevant legislation;

- (5) the HKPF and FEHD were committed to combatting illegal shop front extensions and article obstruction in the old areas of Tsuen Wan. In 2020, the HKPF joined hands with the FEHD to conduct 38 joint operations to tackle the problems of illegal shop front extensions, article obstruction and illegally parked vehicles. During the operations, the HKPF issued a total of 257 FPNs to drivers and vehicles involved in illegal parking. After considering the views put forth by Members earlier, the HKPF had adopted a diversified mode of law enforcement. For instance, the HKPF would conduct multiple law enforcement operations on the same day, and the FEHD would deploy vehicles to remove articles causing obstruction. The HKPF would continue to work closely with the FEHD to combat the said problems; and
- (6) the HKPF would reply to Members' other enquiries in writing after the meeting.

120. The Chairman thanked the HKPF for its response.

XI Item 14: Crime Brief for Ma Wan – January 2021
(TWDC Paper No. 117/20-21)

121. District Commander (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported on the crime situation of Ma Wan.

122. Mr LAM Sek-tim pointed out that according to the Breakdown of Offences in the Crime Brief for Ma Wan, there were four cases of deception reported in January 2021, but none of them had been detected. He therefore enquired about the details of the cases.

123. District Commander (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF said that the responsibility for handling crimes in Ma Wan rested with the Kwai Tsing Police District. The HKPF would double-check the relevant crime figures after the meeting.

124. The Chairman requested the HKPF to reply to the Member concerned after the meeting.

XII Item 9: A Motion to Establish the Working Group on Planning and Development of Tsuen King Circuit Market (Non-standing)
(TWDC Paper No. 112/20-21)

125. The Chairman stated that Mr CHIU Yan-loy and Mr WONG Ka-wa submitted the paper.

126. Mr CHIU Yan-loy and Mr WONG Ka-wa introduced the paper.

127. Mr CHIU Yan-loy moved a motion: “A Motion to Establish the ‘Working Group on Planning and Development of Tsuen King Circuit Market’, a Non-standing Working Group Directly under the Tsuen Wan District Council”. Mr WONG Ka-wa seconded.

(Note: Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris joined the meeting at 5:41 p.m.)

128. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the establishment of the “Working Group on Planning and Development of Tsuen King Circuit Market”. After voting, the establishment of the “Working Group on Planning and Development of Tsuen King Circuit Market” was endorsed with a vote of 10 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

129. The Chairman asked Members if they agreed that the said Working Group should be named as the “Working Group on Planning and Development of Tsuen King Circuit Market” and that its terms of reference should be “to follow up on the direction of future development of Tsuen King Circuit Market and to urge government departments to use its original site for community service facilities”. Members unanimously agreed to the proposals.

130. The Chairman asked Members to express their intentions to join the above Working Group by a show of hands. The membership list of the above Working Group was at Annex I.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat invited the Members who did not join the above Working Group at this meeting to join the above Working Group in writing on 26 March 2021.)

131. Mr WONG Ka-wa proposed that Mr CHIU Yan-loy should take up the role of Convenor of the above Working Group. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

132. The Chairman asked the Convenor of the Working Group to make an arrangement with the Secretariat regarding the date and time of the meeting of the Working Group.

XIII Item 10: Request for a Styrofoam Recycling Area near Yeung Uk Road Market

(TWDC Paper No. 113/20-21)

133. The Chairman stated that Mr LAM Sek-tim submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Mr KUAN Man-hou, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan), FEHD;
- (2) Ms HO Mun-yee, Money, District Lands Officer/Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), LandsD; and
- (3) Ms HUNG Yuen-ching, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), LandsD.

Besides, the written reply of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) was tabled at the meeting.

134. Mr LAM Sek-tim introduced the paper.

135. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu pointed out that the accumulation of substantial volumes of Styrofoam containers on the streets near Yeung Uk Road Market during Lunar New Year had received wide attention from the public and media. In fact, similar situations occurred every year, but there had all along been a lack of corresponding measures to tackle this problem effectively. In view of the severe epidemic situation over the past year, he hoped that the FEHD would provide solar-powered refuse hoppers at the above location this year to reduce the accumulation of Styrofoam containers.

136. Mr LAI Man-fai was overwhelmed by the accumulation of substantial volumes of Styrofoam containers near Yeung Uk Road Market during Lunar New Year. Although the FEHD had assisted in carrying out clearance work during Lunar New Year, clearance operation alone could not solve the problem of accumulation of substantial volumes of Styrofoam containers. As far as he knew, a social enterprise in Tsuen Wan district was conducting a recycling programme for Styrofoam. He thus hoped that government departments would tie in with this recycling programme to ease the burden on landfills imposed by the disposal of substantial volumes of Styrofoam goods, thereby solving this problem in a proper manner.

137. Mr CHIU Yan-loy said that as shops were unable to return the Styrofoam containers used for carrying vegetables to the vegetable wholesalers during Lunar New Year, the problem of accumulation of Styrofoam containers was identified in Tsuen Wan as well as in other districts. He hoped to introduce legislation to stipulate the refuse producers' responsibility for recycling the refuse, but he opined that it was still premature to do so at this stage. Hence, he enquired of the EPD whether the Recycling Fund could be used to subsidise the compression of Styrofoam waste carried out by NGOs or environmental groups at the black spots of accumulation of Styrofoam waste (including markets and refuse collection points) as well as the subsequent transportation of such waste to recyclers for handling, so as to alleviate the problem of accumulation of Styrofoam containers and minimise the disposal of Styrofoam waste in landfills.

138. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus opined that the EPD showed a lack of determination to tackle the problem of accumulation of Styrofoam containers, and pointed out that discussion between users of Styrofoam containers and other stakeholders in the district alone could not solve the above problem. He agreed that on-site treatment should be adopted to improve the situation. In addition, he opined that the environmental protection industry in Hong Kong was lagging behind, and so relevant departments should assume greater responsibility in handling the above problem. Instead of providing substantial technical support to the shops, the Government should adopt a more practical approach to alleviating the burden on the shops in question. For instance, shops could be given subsidies for transporting Styrofoam containers to NGOs or social enterprises for recycling and handling.

139. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio agreed to the Member's proposal, provided that the Styrofoam containers would not be left unattended for too long. He also agreed that a study should be conducted to identify locations for long-term use to solve the problem. Yet, the proposal could first be implemented on a pilot basis for the time being.

140. Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy was overwhelmed by the accumulation of substantial volumes of Styrofoam containers near Yeung Uk Road Market during Lunar New Year. In the light of the accumulation of excessive Styrofoam containers at Ho Pui Street, Chuen Lung Street and San Tsuen Street, he opined that a recycling programme of Styrofoam items should be launched at Yeung Uk Road Market so that structurally intact Styrofoam containers could be reused, and those not reusable could be fragmented to facilitate recycling. He hoped that the TWDO and EPD would implement matching policies and encourage shops in the markets to reuse and recycle Styrofoam containers. The Government should also provide suitable locations for storage of Styrofoam containers awaiting recycling to prevent the accumulation of Styrofoam containers on the streets.

141. The Chairman stated that he had all along maintained communication with the FEHD and the Members concerned. He learnt that staff of the FEHD were tasked with management of the Lunar New Year fairs during Lunar New Year, and so were deployed to other locations. In his opinion, it was unreasonable to engage government departments or DCs to assist shops of the markets in clearing the accumulated Styrofoam containers. The shops had the responsibility to dispose of Styrofoam containers at suitable locations. The FEHD should also remind the shops in question of the proper ways to dispose of Styrofoam containers, and provide suitable locations for storage of Styrofoam containers in order to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents. In addition, he opined that the Government should encourage the shops to tackle the problem of accumulation of Styrofoam containers at source.

142. District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) as the recycling services for Styrofoam items in the Mainland were suspended earlier than in previous years, and the volumes of shop goods far exceeded those in previous years, substantial volumes of Styrofoam containers were accumulated near Yeung Uk Road Market shortly before Lunar New Year this year. The situation was not satisfactory. The FEHD had immediately allocated resources to dealing with the accumulation of Styrofoam items, but it still took a relatively long time to clear all of them. Drawing on this experience, the FEHD would enhance its resource deployment, carry out coordination work and educate the shops early in the coming year;
- (2) given the relatively large number of vegetable shops near Yeung Uk Road Market, a larger volume of Styrofoam containers were used. According to the FEHD's observation, these shops would collect structurally intact Styrofoam containers, which would then be temporarily stored at the roadside while awaiting recycling and reuse. The FEHD would clear any dumped Styrofoam containers promptly whenever they were found; and
- (3) the FEHD would, subject to the availability of resources, tie in with the proposals on source separation and recycling put forth by relevant departments, if any.

143. Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) of the LandsD responded as follows:

- (1) as there were only public roads and private buildings around Yeung Uk Road Market, it was relatively difficult to identify suitable locations for setting up a Styrofoam recycling area; and
- (2) if the FEHD or other departments managed to identify a site for handling Styrofoam waste on a temporary or long-term basis, the LandsD would act correspondingly.

144. Mr LAM Sek-tim opined that it was necessary to come up with a long-term solution to the problem of accumulation of Styrofoam containers. Yet, in view of the severity of the problem, a temporary solution should first be identified at the current stage. In addition, residents had all along pointed out that some shops disposed of Styrofoam containers at roads, rear lanes or some dark spots. Food debris and stagnant water inside these containers would attract rodents and insects. In his opinion, there were suitable locations for temporary storage of Styrofoam containers from the shops in Tsuen Wan district, but the departments had not actively made a search. He suggested that the departments concerned should consider opening up Sha Tsui Road Playground after 11 p.m. every day for temporary storage of Styrofoam containers from the shops. There was also limited space available in Luen Yan Street Refuse Collection Point for temporary storage of Styrofoam containers. He hoped that the departments concerned would conduct a trial run of the above suggestions.

145. The Chairman hoped that the LandsD, FEHD or other relevant departments would identify suitable locations for temporary handling of Styrofoam waste so that shops could store Styrofoam containers and other large articles at these locations temporarily. He also hoped that the shops concerned would examine different options for reducing the use of Styrofoam containers and handling Styrofoam waste.

XIV Item 11: A Motion: Amendments to Section 51(1) of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders
(TWDC Paper No. 114/20-21)

146. The Chairman stated that Ms CHAN Kim-kam and Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy submitted the paper.

147. Ms CHAN Kim-kam and Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy introduced the paper.

148. Ms CHAN Kim-kam moved a motion: "A motion to amend section 51(1) of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders as 'if a member of the Council cannot attend a meeting of the Council because of (a) sickness; (b) attendance at another meeting or an activity on behalf of his or her Council; (c) pregnancy, maternity or paternity (or relevant reasons); (d) fulfilling civic obligations required by the law (e.g. attending court hearings, serving as a juror or testifying in court); or (e) other reasons deemed reasonable by the Council, he or she is required to notify the Secretary by using the notification form at Appendix VIII before the meeting. A member who applies for absence from a meeting on the grounds of sickness shall submit the medical certificate within two clear working days after he or she submits the notification form. The Secretary shall inform the Council of the notification and

the Council shall decide at the commencement of the meeting whether consent should be given to the absence. The Council shall only give consent to notifications of absence filed on the aforementioned grounds. The Council shall not accept any notification of absence after the meeting other than absence for reasons of force majeure.”. Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy seconded.

149. The Chairman asked whether Members would like to put forth a revised motion.

150. Mr LAI Man-fai proposed revising “I move a motion to amend section 51(1) of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders” as “I move a motion to refine section 51(1) of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders”.

151. The Chairman opined that the aforesaid proposal was not a revised motion. Members unanimously agreed with him.

152. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris enquired whether Members could comment on the motion.

153. The Chairman stated that if Members wished to put forth other matters instead of a revised motion, they could discuss such matters with him after the meeting.

154. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the motion. After voting, Members endorsed the motion with a vote of 13 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

155. The Chairman stated that after the meeting, the Secretariat would consult the Department of Justice (DoJ) on the proposed amendment where necessary in order to ascertain whether it conflicted with the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547).

156. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus pointed out that the contents of the motion were also set out in the Standing Orders of other District Councils. He thus enquired why the Secretariat still had to consult the DoJ on the proposed amendment and when a result could be obtained.

157. District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (Acting) of the TWDO responded that the TWDO was required to consult the DoJ on any proposed amendment to the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders. However, at the moment, the TWDO was unable to specify an exact time when a result could be obtained.

158. The Chairman looked forward to obtaining a result within two months.

XV Item 12: On-going Concern about the Progress of Construction of the Advance Works of Tuen Tsuen Cycle Track and the Peripheral Facilities, and Related Issues of Future Management, Use, Planning and Development
(TWDC Paper No. 115/20-21)

159. The Chairman stated that Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

(1) Ms LIU Tze-kwan, Fiona, Chief Engineer/West 2, CEDD;

- (2) Ms TANG Ho-yan, Joyce, Senior Engineer/2 (West), CEDD;
- (3) Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley, District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (Acting), TWDO;
- (4) Mr KUAN Man-hou, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan), FEHD; and
- (5) Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Dickie, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), LCSD.

Besides, the written replies of the DEVB and CEDD were tabled at the meeting.

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

161. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus pointed out that the incorporation of inclusive elements into the waterfront had been mentioned at TWDC meetings in the past. He thus enquired whether a shared-use path for pedestrians and cyclists could be provided at Tsuen Wan Riviera Park so that the Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun, which would be opened shortly, could better cater for the needs of residents. Although cycling enthusiasts would account for the majority of users of the said cycle track, he opined that the development of the entire Tsuen Wan Riviera Park should meet the needs of different users. Besides, he was concerned about the issues of safety and responsibility relating to the cycle track. If a parent entered the cycle track for the sake of taking care of his or her child, and was knocked down by a cyclist, the party to bear the responsibility for the accident should be made clear. Moreover, there was a distance of more than 400 metres between the exit/entrance at the Riviera section, the beginning of the cycle track, and the next exit/entrance at the section near The Pavilia Bay. He was concerned that such a design might fail to cater for the needs of novice cyclists. In addition, as the advance works of the cycle track would be completed soon, he opined that the departments should brief Members on the beautification facilities and plan upon the opening of the cycle track so as to give Members an insight into the cycle track and related developments of the waterfront in the future.

162. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu said that he and the relevant departments had conducted an on-site inspection of the cycle track section at the waterfront. He held that quite a number of improvements should be made to the design of the cycle track. In particular, attention should be paid to safety issues of locations where the footpath and cycle track met. He pointed out that the cycle track passed through a section (including the ramp next to the taxi stand) where pedestrian flow to and from Tsuen Wan West Station was heavy. When going through this section after cycling unimpededly for more than 400 metres from the beginning of the cycle track, cyclists might easily fail to brake in time, resulting in accidents. As such, he opined that priority should be given to addressing the relevant safety issues, and hoped that the departments would promptly put forth solutions.

163. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio agreed to the issues of concern set out in the captioned paper. During the on-site inspection at the cycle track, he could also feel for himself the intense conflicts between bicycles and pedestrians around Tsuen Wan West Station. He thus anticipated that many problems would arise after the opening of the cycle track. He hoped that the departments would promptly solve the problem of conflicts between bicycles and pedestrians at the section near Tsuen Wan West

Station. Besides, he suggested that the LCSD should consider playing Announcements in the Public Interest on large flat screen TVs at suitable recreational venues (e.g. the waterfront area of Tsuen Wan Park) in the district to promote the information on cycling safety.

164. Chief Engineer/West 2 of the CEDD responded as follows:
- (1) the CEDD was pleased to note that the public looked forward to the commissioning of the Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. The works were implemented in phases and the advance works were drawing to a close at present. The CEDD wished to open the cycle track as soon as possible. It would readily listen to improvement proposals on the works, and preferred opening the cycle track first and enhancing it continuously;
 - (2) the CEDD also attached great importance to the design and safety of the cycle track. The design (including the curvature, inclination, gradient and other facilities) of the cycle track fully complied with the relevant guidelines; and
 - (3) as far as road safety was concerned, the CEDD held that apart from ensuring that the cycle track design was in compliance with the guidelines, the safety awareness of cyclists and other road users (especially pedestrians) should be enhanced. It was also important for road users to understand and accommodate one another.
165. Senior Engineer/2 (West) of the CEDD responded as follows:
- (1) the 400-metre cycle track section off Tsuen Wan Riviera Park was of a traditional segregated design. This section was about 4.5 metres wide. While shared-use paths were currently provided at some places by the Government, the width of such paths should be at least 6 metres in general. To convert the existing cycle track section at the said location into a shared-use path, its width would have to be increased from 4.5 metres to 6 metres. This would, to a very large extent, affect existing park facilities such as flower beds, seats, recreational and sports facilities, trees, etc. This would be at odds with the views collected by the CEDD during the consultation and gazettal prior to the implementation of the works. The views back then were that the facilities and operation of Tsuen Wan Riviera Park would hopefully not be affected by the works; and
 - (2) if fresh consideration should be given to converting the cycle track section into a shared-use path, the finalisation of various details would probably be unattainable in a short while. Also, the consultation and gazettal procedures would have to be gone through once more. It would go against the public's aspiration for prompt opening of the cycle track.
166. District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (Acting) of the TWDO responded as follows:
- (1) the TWDO understood that Members and residents of Tsuen Wan district looked forward to the opening of the cycle track. It had also been keeping in view the construction progress of the cycle track;

- (2) the design, construction, management and traffic enforcement of the cycle track mentioned in the captioned paper were beyond the TWDO's expertise and purview. The CEDD had clearly explained that the cycle track was constructed in compliance with the relevant safety standards; and
- (3) upon the opening of the cycle track, the TWDO would gladly assist various departments with district consultation on design modifications with a view to optimising the cycle track continuously.

167. District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD provided sweeping service for the cycle track. Upon the completion of Hoi Hing Road Public Toilet, the CEDD would hand it over to the FEHD for management.

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

- (1) in the week before this meeting, the LCSD and CEDD sent staff to conduct an on-site inspection at the cycle track. Out of safety considerations, the CEDD had provided the LCSD with relevant suggestions, such as installing railings and erecting warning signs at accesses within the park leading to the cycle track. The LCSD would adhere to the suggestions as far as possible; and
- (2) the LCSD also wished to produce additional banners for the public promotion of safety information during the initial period after the opening of the cycle track.

169. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus pointed out that he was concerned about the progress of construction of the advance works of the cycle track and the peripheral facilities, and related issues of management and use. Such issues included bicycle parking spaces and illegal parking of bicycles, withered plants next to the cycle track, worn-out equipment and fitness facilities, etc. He hoped that the TWDO would give a response accordingly. Besides, he thanked the CEDD for adjusting the height of the metal railings along the cycle track section at Riviera Gardens near the waterfront after listening to the public's views. He also enquired whether there was a plan to extend the cycle track towards Kwai Chung and Kowloon West in the future. He learnt that the shared-use path in Kowloon West was just 4.5 metres wide. Hence, he hoped that the departments would promptly study the feasibility of adding a shared-use path at the cycle track upon its opening, lest the room for discussion should disappear upon the conclusion of all works. In addition, he enquired whether the departments had drawn up timetables for partial opening and maintenance of the cycle track to enable Members or cycle track users to request rectification of problems of the cycle track after trying it out for themselves.

170. District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (Acting) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the TWDO believed that the complaint concerned had already been referred to the Works Section for follow-up. According to the general practice, the Works Section would first review the possibility of repairing the facilities and draw up a repair timetable having regard to various factors (e.g. existing resources and the degree of urgency of repair). The TWDO would promptly repair the worn-out facilities at

the location concerned so that they would be available for public use again very soon; and

- (2) the TWDO would regularly conduct joint operations with other government departments to clear illegally parked bicycles at the waterfront and other locations in Tsuen Wan district.

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

- (1) the CEDD was pleased to note that the public supported its proposal of optimising the guard rails of the cycle track, and was now making a greater effort to replace the guard rails. The entire cycle track was expected to be opened in mid-2021. Besides, the CEDD was examining the feasibility of phased opening of the cycle track, and would make complementary efforts where practicable;
- (2) the CEDD was proactively taking forward the Cycle Track Network in the New Territories project. At the next stage, the main task was to take forward the section between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan. The Government had no plan to further extend the said project at the moment; and
- (3) the CEDD would learn from other districts' experience in providing shared-use paths on a trial basis. It would further discuss the matter with stakeholders according to user experience and the actual situation.

172. The Chairman asked the departments to conduct a study on ways to optimise the facilities concerned.

XVI Item 15: Information Papers

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

- (1) Report of District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee
(TWDC Paper No. 118/20-21);
- (2) Report of Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee
(TWDC Paper No. 119/20-21);
- (3) Report of Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee
(TWDC Paper No. 120/20-21);
- (4) Report of Traffic and Transport Committee
(TWDC Paper No. 121/20-21);
- (5) Report of Social Service and Community Development Committee
(TWDC Paper No. 122/20-21);
- (6) Items Resolved by Circulation by the Tsuen Wan District Council during the Period from 10 November 2020 to 15 March 2021
(TWDC Paper No. 123/20-21); and
- (7) Financial Summary of the Tsuen Wan District Council Funds for 2020/21
(TWDC Paper No. 124/20-21).

(Post-meeting note: The Financial Summary of the Tsuen Wan District Council Funds for 2020/21 was revised with details at Annex II.)

XVII Item 16: Any Other Business

174. The Chairman stated that according to section 13(3) of the Standing Orders, Members of the Council should not at the meeting of the Council discuss any item that was not included in the agenda.

175. The Chairman stated that a letter was previously received from the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health (COSH) which applied for displaying the TWDC logo on the publicity materials of the 12th “Quit to Win” Smoke-free Community Campaign to signify the TWDC’s support for a smoke-free Hong Kong.

176. The Chairman asked whether Members endorsed the COSH’s application for the use of the TWDC logo. Members unanimously endorsed the application.

177. The Chairman stated that a letter was previously received from the Junior Chamber International Tsuen Wan (JCI Tsuen Wan) which invited the TWDC to serve as a supporting organisation for You Have a SAY in Play Right 2021, its flagship action plan. The JCI Tsuen Wan also hoped that the TWDC would give consent to its display of the TWDC logo on the publicity materials of this activity.

178. The Chairman asked whether Members agreed that the TWDC should serve as a supporting organisation for You Have a SAY in Play Right 2021 and endorsed the application for the use of the TWDC logo from the JCI Tsuen Wan. Members unanimously endorsed the arrangement and application.

179. The Chairman said the HAD confirmed that \$36,293,550 would be allocated to the TWDC in 2021/22, among which \$20,384,550 would be allocated to District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects) and \$15,909,000 to District Minor Works Programme. The amount of provision was identical to that in 2020/21. To more effectively utilise the provision allocated to the TWDC in 2021/22, the proposal for funds allocation in 2021/22 was drawn up according to the amount of provision in 2020/21. The details were set out in TWDC Paper No. 125/20-21. Committees should determine the amounts of funds for sub-items on their own. If Members had any views on that, they might discuss them at meetings of the respective committees.

180. Mr LAM Sek-tim enquired whether the TWDC would allocate funds to the procurement of face masks for distribution to residents of Tsuen Wan again in 2021/22.

181. The Chairman considered the aforesaid suggestion feasible, but asked Members to consider the proposal for funds allocation in 2021/22 first. In the future, if Members desired an allocation of funds to the procurement of anti-epidemic supplies, they could then vire funds from the TWDC and committees, and discuss the procurement accordingly.

182. Mr CHIU Yan-loy suggested endorsing the proposal for funds allocation in 2021/22 first and allowing the Committees to determine the amounts of funds for sub-items on their own later. Besides, he proposed that the Finance and In-house Working Group should promptly convene a meeting to discuss the uses of the funds allocated to the TWDC.

183. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu pointed out that this year marked the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Satellite Town of Tsuen Wan. In his opinion, the Finance and In-house Working Group should promptly convene a meeting to determine whether virement of funds should be made to tie in with the theme of the anniversary.

184. The Chairman stated that the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Satellite Town of Tsuen Wan was a rare mega-event, and hoped that Members would support it. Also, he hoped that the TWDC and its Committees would earmark some of their funds for organising activities in commemoration of the anniversary.

185. The Chairman asked whether Members endorsed the proposal for funds allocation. Members unanimously endorsed the proposal for funds allocation.

(Note: Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.)

186. The Chairman stated that he received applications for absence from the TWDC meeting from Mr SHUM Lester and Mr TAM Hoi-pong before the meeting. Their reasons for absence were being detained and refused bail. He enquired whether Members agreed that their applications for absence from the meeting should be accepted, as long as it was confirmed upon consultation with the DoJ that the Members' proposed amendment to section 51(1) of the Standing Orders did not conflict with the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547). Members unanimously agreed that their applications for absence should be accepted.

187. The Chairman said a member of the public relayed to him that there was soil erosion on the hillside near the kiosk at Shing Mun Reservoir. Tree roots were exposed, posing a greater risk of tree fall. He hoped that the Secretariat would convey the situation to the department concerned for follow-up.

(Note: The Secretariat conveyed the aforesaid situation to the ArchSD after the meeting.)

188. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio pointed out the frequent accumulation of refuse on the idle government land next to the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar. He hoped that the LandsD would confirm a cleaning timetable as soon as possible. Moreover, a resident relayed to him that the Citybus Limited (Citybus) announced last week that it had been granted the operating right of a bus route plying between Tsuen Wan and Sai Wan Ho. This new bus route, No. 933, would commence operation soon. He hoped that the Transport Department (TD) would give a response in this regard.

189. Chief Transport Officer/NT South West of the TD responded that the new bus route No. 933 plying between Tsuen Wan and Sai Wan Ho was under preparation. The details of the bus route would be distributed to Members for reference via the Secretariat after the meeting.

190. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus pointed out that the normal work arrangements for government employees had already resumed. He hoped that the

Meet-the-Public Scheme would be promptly reactivated so as to provide residents of Tsuen Wan district with a more straightforward channel for seeking assistance. Moreover, the definition of attendance of Members was currently not specified in the Standing Orders. He opined that an improvement should be made accordingly.

191. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to follow up on the matters mentioned by the Members after the meeting.

192. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu pointed out that Citybus route No. 930X would be diverted via Nina Tower during non-peak hours. He enquired whether this bus route could run straight to Tsuen Wan West Station via Tai Chung Road instead.

193. The Chairman reminded the Member that he could submit a paper to the committee concerned for discussion.

194. Mr LAM Sek-tim suggested taking a group photo of Members of the TWDC as soon as possible.

195. The Chairman proposed arranging for a group photo shoot during the production of the commemorative publication for the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Satellite Town of Tsuen Wan.

196. The Chairman reminded Members that the date of the next meeting was 18 May 2021 and the deadline for submission of papers was 3 May 2021.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
April 2021

Membership list of the Working Group on
Planning and Development of Tsuen King Circuit Market

Convenor: Mr CHIU Yan-loy

Members: Mr LI Hung-por

Mr YAU Kam-ping (joining after the meeting)

Mr LAM Sek-tim

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio (joining after the meeting)

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

Mr TSE Man-chak (joining after the meeting)

Financial Statement of the Tsuen Wan District Council Funds for 2020/21

I. Allocation for District Minor Works

Name of Committee	Allocation Available for Use (\$) A	Actual Amount Paid (\$) B	Balance (\$) C = A - B	Expenditure in Percentage D = B / A
1. District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee	12,759,000.00	11,331,910.03	1,427,089.97	88.82%
2. Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee	3,150,000.00	488,579.00	2,661,421.00	15.51%
Total :	15,909,000.00	11,820,489.03	4,088,510.97	74.30%

II. District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects)

Name of Committee	Original Allocation Available for Use* (\$) A	Revised Allocation Available for Use (\$) B	Actual Amount Paid (\$) C	Balance (\$) D = B - C	Expenditure in Percentage E = C / B	Expenditure in Percentage (as Percentage of the Original Allocation)
1. District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee	5,240,506.00	1,784,856.40	1,784,856.40	0.00	100.00%	
2. Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee	1,947,000.00	502,171.64	502,171.64	0.00	100.00%	
3. Social Service and Community Development Committee	2,668,320.00	1,001,768.85	1,001,768.85	0.00	100.00%	
4. Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee	610,000.00	454,086.02	454,086.02	0.00	100.00%	
5. Traffic and Transport Committee	409,000.00	250,988.90	250,988.90	0.00	100.00%	
6. Tsuen Wan District Council	10,528,951.00	17,409,905.19	5,788,152.11	11,621,753.08	33.25%	
Total :	21,403,777.00	21,403,777.00	9,782,023.92	11,621,753.08	45.70%	47.99%

* This is a deficit budget which is derived from the anticipated funds allocation of \$20,384,550 plus 5%.

Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee for 2020/21

I. Allocation for District Minor Works

Project	Allocation Available for Use (\$) A	Actual Amount Paid (\$) B	Balance (\$) C = A - B	Expenditure in Percentage D = B / A
District Minor Works	12,759,000.00	11,331,910.03	1,427,089.97	88.82%
Total :	12,759,000.00	11,331,910.03	1,427,089.97	88.82%

II. District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects)

Project	Original Allocation Available for Use* (\$) A	Revised Allocation Available for Use (\$) B	Actual Amount Paid (\$) C	Balance (\$) D = B - C	Expenditure in Percentage E = C / B
1. Activities held by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department	4,440,506.00			0.00	100.00%
a. Free District Cultural and Recreational Programmes held in Tsuen Wan		120,392.22	120,392.22		
b. Plan for Promotional Activities in Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries		0.00	0.00		
c. Plan for Recreational and Sports Activities in Tsuen Wan District		870,166.88	870,166.88		
2. Working Group on District Development, Planning and Economic Development	800,000.00	794,297.30	794,297.30	0.00	100.00%
3. Festive Activities held in Tsuen Wan District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
4. Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total :	5,240,506.00	1,784,856.40	1,784,856.40	0.00	100.00%

* This is a deficit budget which is derived from the anticipated funds allocation plus 5%.

Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee for 2020/21

District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects)

Project	Original Allocation Available for Use* (\$) A	Revised Allocation Available for Use (\$) B	Actual Amount Paid (\$) C	Balance (\$) D = B - C	Expenditure in Percentage E = C / B
1. Arts and Sports Festivals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
2. Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities	682,000.00	310,130.64	310,130.64	0.00	100.00%
3. Subsidy for Sports and Recreational Activities held in Tsuen Wan District	275,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
4. Subsidy for Participating in Inter-district Sports Competitions/Inter-district League Games in the New Territories Regions	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5. Subsidy for Cultural and Arts Activities held in Tsuen Wan District	250,000.00	56,675.92	56,675.92	0.00	100.00%
6. Subsidy for Tsuen Wan District Primary and Secondary Schools to Participate in Inter-district Sports Events	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
7. Subsidy for Participating in the Inter-district Football Team League of the Hong Kong Football Association and Promoting Youth Training Programmes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
8. Subsidy for Participating in the Hong Kong Games	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
9. Subsidy for Developing Focus Sports in Tsuen Wan District	360,000.00	122,740.08	122,740.08	0.00	100.00%
10. Subsidy for Cultural, Recreational and Sports Activities and Celebrating Activities for Festivals Organised by Local Organisations	250,000.00	12,075.00	12,075.00	0.00	100.00%
11. Subsidy for Excursions Organised by Local Organisations	70,000.00	550.00	550.00	0.00	100.00%
12. Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total :	1,947,000.00	502,171.64	502,171.64	0.00	100.00%

* This is a deficit budget which is derived from the anticipated funds allocation plus 5%.

Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Social Service and Community Development Committee for 2020/21

District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects)

Project	Original Allocation Available for Use* (\$) A	Revised Allocation Available for Use (\$) B	Actual Amount Paid (\$) C	Balance (\$) D = B - C	Expenditure in Percentage E = C / B
1. Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information	1,511,530.00	464,422.00	464,422.00	0.00	100.00%
2. Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education	911,290.00	488,682.60	488,682.60	0.00	100.00%
3. Community Hall Activities	180,000.00	43,260.00	43,260.00	0.00	100.00%
4. Subsidy for Activities Organised by Local Organisations	65,500.00	5,404.25	5,404.25	0.00	100.00%
5. Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total :	2,668,320.00	1,001,768.85	1,001,768.85	0.00	100.00%

* This is a deficit budget which is derived from the anticipated funds allocation plus 5%.

Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee for 2020/21

I. Allocation for District Minor Works (Minor Environmental Improvement Projects)

Project	Allocation Available for Use (\$) A	Actual Amount Paid (\$) B	Balance (\$) C = A - B	Expenditure in Percentage D = B / A
1. New Construction Works Project	2,950,000.00	298,579.00	2,651,421.00	10.12%
2. Maintenance Works Project	200,000.00	190,000.00	10,000.00	95.00%
Total :	3,150,000.00	488,579.00	2,661,421.00	15.51%

II. District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects)

Project	Original Allocation Available for Use* (\$) A	Revised Allocation Available for Use (\$) B	Actual Amount Paid (\$) C	Balance (\$) D = B - C	Expenditure in Percentage E = C / B
1. Working Group on Environmental Protection and Improvement	300,000.00	238,366.36	238,366.36	0.00	100.00%
2. Working Group on Public Health and Food Safety	210,000.00	192,206.36	192,206.36	0.00	100.00%
3. Working Group on Inclusive Environment for Animals in the Community	90,000.00	21,643.30	21,643.30	0.00	100.00%
4. Exploratory Study Travelling Expenses	10,000.00	1,870.00	1,870.00	0.00	100.00%
5. Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total :	610,000.00	454,086.02	454,086.02	0.00	100.00%

* This is a deficit budget which is derived from the anticipated funds allocation plus 5%.

Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Traffic and Transport Committee for 2020/21

District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects)

Project	Original Allocation Available for Use* (\$) A	Revised Allocation Available for Use (\$) B	Actual Amount Paid (\$) C	Balance (\$) D = B - C	Expenditure in Percentage E = C / B
1. Working Group on Development of Public Transport Services	190,000.00	139,000.00	139,000.00	0.00	100.00%
2. Working Group on Road Safety Education and Promotion	219,000.00	111,988.90	111,988.90	0.00	100.00%
3. Working Group on Development of Ancillary Facilities for Pedestrians	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
4. Exploratory Study Travelling Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5. Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total :	409,000.00	250,988.90	250,988.90	0.00	100.00%

* This is a deficit budget which is derived from the anticipated funds allocation plus 5%.

Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Tsuen Wan District Council for 2020/21

District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects)

Project	Original Allocation Available for Use* (\$) A	Revised Allocation Available for Use (\$) B	Actual Amount Paid (\$) C	Balance (\$) D = B - C	Expenditure in Percentage E = C / B
1. Activities Recommended by Area Committees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
2. Activity Programmes for the Youth	180,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
3. Promotion of Fire Prevention and Safety Activities	159,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
4. Fight Crime Activities held in Tsuen Wan District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5. Civic Education Activities held in Tsuen Wan District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
6. Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
7. Employment of District Council Staff	3,684,777.00	2,901,533.14	2,901,533.14	0.00	100.00%
8. Tsuen Wan Safe and Healthy Community Steering Activities	80,960.00	79,070.00	79,070.00	0.00	100.00%
9. Subsidy for the Disadvantaged	186,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
10. Promotion of Arts and Cultural Activities	2,000,000.00	271,714.46	271,714.46	0.00	100.00%
11. Working Groups under District Council	150,000.00	145,000.00	145,000.00	0.00	100.00%
12. Anti-epidemic Activities	4,088,214.00	2,390,834.51	2,390,834.51	0.00	100.00%
13. Reserve	0.00	11,621,753.08	0.00	11,621,753.08	0.00%
Total :	10,528,951.00	17,409,905.19	5,788,152.11	11,621,753.08	33.25%

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