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Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of  
District Facilities and Works Committee (1/24-25)

Date: 22 April 2024

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr WONG Wai-kit, MH (Chairman)

Mr NG Chun-yu (Vice Chairman)

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH

Mr CHU Tak-wing, MH

Mr CHOW Sum-ming

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH

Mr LEUNG Cheong-ming, Raymond, MH, JP

Mr CHAN Chun-chung

Ms CHAN Shun-shun

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, BBS, MH

Mr MOK Yuen-kwan

Mr CHAN Hiu-chun, MH

Mr TSANG Tai

Mr FUNG Cheuk-sum

Ms WAH Mei-ling

Mr WONG Kai-chun

Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Government Representatives

Mr LEE Soeng-him, Sean	Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
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Mr CHOW Ming-fai	Senior Inspector of Works, Tsuen Wan District Office
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Mr LEUNG Siu-ming, David	Architect (Works) 8, Home Affairs Department
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Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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Ms NG Kam-yim	District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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Mr KWOK Ka-ho	Manager (New Territories South) Marketing & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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Mr LEE Wai-man	Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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Ms LAW Lai-chun, Gladys	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 32, Leisure and
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Mr CHOY Chi-wai, Ray	Cultural Services Department Engineer/24 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr HO Kit-ming	Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2, Drainage Services Department
Mr LAM Ho-lun, Alan	Engineer/New Territories West (Distribution 4), Water Supplies Department
Mr WONG Hei-long, Ken	District Engineer/Tsuen Wan, Highways Department

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives

Mr LIM Kuen	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss LEUNG Tsz-wai, Apple (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss CHAN Hiu-yuen, Virginia	Executive Assistant (Community Involvement) 4, Tsuen Wan District Office

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC) and introduced:

- (1) Mr KWOK Ka-ho, Manager (New Territories South) Marketing & District Activities (M(NTS)M&DA), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), who attended this meeting on behalf of Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola; and
- (2) Mr LAM Ho-lun, Alan, Engineer/New Territories West (Distribution 4), Water Supplies Department, who attended this meeting on behalf of Mr TAM Wai-ho.

2. The Chairman stated that according to the requirements stipulated in the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders, if a District Council (DC) Member found that he/she had any direct personal or pecuniary interests in a discussion item or relevant matters when attending a meeting of the Council or dealing with matters related to the Council, the DC Member should declare the interests. The Secretariat had not received any declaration of interests prior to the meeting. The Chairman enquired whether Members had to make declarations of interests immediately. No Member made a declaration of interests immediately.

3. The Chairman asked Members to speak as concisely as possible because there were numerous items on the agenda. At the meeting, Members could speak and make supplementary remarks on each agenda item once respectively. Members could speak up to two minutes in the first round of speeches and up to 1 minute in the second round of speeches.

II      Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 19.2.2024

4.      The Chairman stated that the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment prior to the meeting. The Chairman enquired whether Members had to put forth proposed amendments immediately. No Member put forth a proposed amendment immediately. Members unanimously endorsed the minutes.

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

5.      There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

IV      Item 3: Overview of the Projects under the District Minor Works Programme of the Tsuen Wan District Office

(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 1/24-25)

6.      The Chairman stated that the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) would brief Members on the works projects under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme 2024-25. The representative from the department attending the meeting was Mr LEE Soeng-him, Sean, Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)), TWDO.

7.      ADO(TW) of the TWDO introduced the paper.

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

- (1) a Member thanked the TWDO for locally constructing a variety of facilities beneficial to the public under the DMW Programme over the years. The Member was also pleased about the completion of the repairs for two sets of seats off Tsuen Wan Government Primary School. Besides, the Member enquired whether Members should propose local DMW projects by submission of discussion papers; and
- (2) a covered walkway near Waylee Industrial Centre at Tsuen King Circuit was partially managed by a private owner. A Member suggested that government departments should discuss matters related to refurbishment works for the walkway with the private owner. The appearance of the entire walkway could therefore remain consistent.

9.      ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the TWDO was responsible for granting funding approval for and implementing DMW projects. The TWDO welcomed suggestions from various parties on the details of DMW projects. For instance, Members could submit discussion papers to the DFWC or conduct on-site inspections together with the TWDO's staff;
- (2) the TWDO understood that local residents had different needs. The TWDO would prioritise DMW projects having regard to the resources currently available to it; and
- (3) the matters related to the refurbishment works for the covered walkway

at Tsuen King Circuit had been discussed at meetings of the Tsuen Wan North Area Committee and the Tsuen Wan District Youth Community Building Committee. As the resources of the DMW Programme should only be allocated to projects in public areas, the refurbishment works for a section of the covered walkway within a private lot at Tsuen King Garden was not included among the aforesaid DMW projects.

10. The Chairman said that if Members wished to make suggestions on the details of DMW projects, they could contact the TWDO directly or submit papers for discussion at meetings of the DFWC. They could also approach the departments concerned to explore the feasibility of their proposed DMW projects before meetings of the DFWC.

V Item 4: Request for Additional Lighting and benches at the Middle Section of the Staircase on On Yuk Road, Tsuen Wan  
(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 2/24-25)

11. The Chairman stated that Mr WONG Kai-chun submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Mr LEE Soeng-him, Sean, ADO(TW), TWDO; and
- (2) Mr WONG Hei-long, Ken, District Engineer/Tsuen Wan (DE/TW), Highways Department (HyD).

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

12. Mr WONG Kai-chun introduced the paper.

13. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that the TWDO wished to satisfy the needs of users of the staircase. However, there was insufficient space at the location concerned to install seats of a common design. The number and size of seats which could be installed were also constrained. Therefore, the TWDO should discuss the feasibility of the works proposal with the HyD. The TWDO recommended the Member concerned to follow up on the matter by conducting an on-site inspection with the TWDO's staff.

14. DE/TW of the HyD responded as follows:

- (1) the Lighting Division of the HyD had previously received views on the lack of public lighting at the staircase on On Yuk Road. It had also completed improvement works for road lights at the location concerned in March 2024. The works included replacing two road lights with Light Emitting Diode (LED) luminaires which were brighter. The level of illumination had been improved accordingly. Upon the receipt of the captioned paper, the Lighting Division had immediately sent staff to conduct an on-site inspection again and measure the light intensity at the staircase. They had found that the public lighting in question

functioned normally and the level of illumination also complied with the design standards. Having regard to the design and technical requirements for public lighting, the HyD considered that there was no necessity for installing additional road lights at the location concerned; and

- (2) having arranged an on-site inspection and measured the height and dimensions of the steps of the staircase, the HyD's staff had confirmed that the height and dimensions of the steps of the staircase complied with the design standards. The HyD noted the Member's views. In the future, the HyD would also consider highlighting the step edges of the staircase in colour having regard to the needs.

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

- (1) a Member was supportive of the captioned proposal. The Member also pointed out that the paving slabs of a ramp on On Yuk Road near Summit Terrace were not slip-resistant. Elders and children were likely to slip while travelling along this ramp. The Member suggested that the department concerned should make improvements to ensure the safety of pedestrians;
- (2) given the impossibility of installing escalators at the location concerned, a Member proposed removing the existing railings in the middle of the staircase and re-planning the provision of facilities at the location to complement the proposed installation of seats;
- (3) a Member understood that there were space constraints at the said location, and proposed that every effort should be made to provide seats where practicable. The Member suggested that consideration should also be given to re-planning the locations of seats and handrails there. Moreover, light from the road lights at the location would easily be blocked by trees because the road lights were relatively tall. The Member therefore recommended the adoption of road lights which were shorter or the installation of lighting fitting near the railings; and
- (4) a Member suggested that the department concerned should consider constructing a lift linking the ground-level end of the staircase to its midpoint, thereby shortening the staircase and bringing convenience to pedestrians.

16. DE/TW of the HyD responded as follows:

- (1) the HyD noted the Member's view on the paving slabs of the ramp on On Yuk Road. It would send staff to conduct an on-site inspection at the said location;
- (2) the HyD would generally install railings in the middle of wide staircases on safety grounds. According to the safety standards and the needs, it would consider and study the feasibility of changing the location of

- railings to complement the proposed installation of seats;
- (3) as the staircase was currently flanked by buildings on both sides, the provision of an elevated platform for constructing a lift might have negative impacts on the nearby buildings. The HyD noted the proposal, and would consider and study its feasibility having regard to the needs; and
- (4) the Lighting Division of the HyD should install road lights of which the design complied with the specified standards. Hence, it might be unable to adopt road lights which were shorter. The HyD would study the pruning of trees at the location concerned to prevent the road lights from being blocked by trees.

17. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that the HyD was responsible for making improvements to the railings and facilities of the staircase at the aforesaid location. The TWDO understood that residents had views and suggestions on the use of the staircase. The TWDO would jointly study the proposed installation of seats with the HyD. It would also discuss with the HyD the feasibility of implementing other works to enhance the experience of users of the staircase.

#### VI Item 5: Information Paper

##### Paper on Recreational and Sports Facilities Management in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (TWDC DFWC Paper No. 3/24-25)

18. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

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

- (1) a Member noted that Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool would undergo inspection and repair from April to June 2024. The Member enquired of the LCSD whether the works could be completed as scheduled and when the swimming pool facilities would be reopened to the public; and
- (2) a Member noted that the overall performance of the LCSD's horticultural service contractors in January and February 2024 was just average. The Member enquired about the services and performance of the contractors in practice. Moreover, the Member had often found weeds and refuse within green areas at the roadside. The Member had also found that a contractor would park its vehicle by the roadside when watering plants, resulting in traffic congestion. The Member advised the LCSD to remind the contractors to address the said problems.

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

- (1) the LCSD had all along been carrying out repair and maintenance works for its swimming pools on a regular basis. The annual inspection and

repair works for the outdoor facilities of Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool had been completed on 16 April 2024. The outdoor facilities had been reopened to the public. To meet the public's demand for swimming pool facilities which would peak between July and September, the LCSD would generally arrange annual inspections and repairs for indoor facilities (including seats of spectator stands, tiles at the bottom of main pools and floodlights) in May and June. It expected to reopen indoor facilities to the public in July; and

- (2) the LCSD would continue to monitor the contractors' performance. For example, it would require the contractors to carry out timely tree care work (including pest control, watering and fertilisation) according to different seasonal needs. Besides, the LCSD's staff would also remove weeds during their tree care work and replanting of plants. The LCSD would follow up on the clearance of refuse accumulated at roadside flower-beds together with the departments concerned (including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department).

(Post-meeting note: Having looked into the matter, the LCSD learnt that the plant watering truck mentioned by the Member belonged to a contractor of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD). The LCSD notified the CEDD on 26 April 2024, advising the department to remind the contractor in question to address the problem of traffic congestion caused during its watering work.)

VII Item 6: Information Paper

Paper on Usage Rate for Tsuen Wan District's Performance Venue of Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 4/24-25)

21. M(NTS)M&DA of the LCSD introduced the paper.

VIII Item 7: Information Paper

Paper on Usage of the Public Libraries in Tsuen Wan District by Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 5/24-25)

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

IX Item 8: Any Other Business

23. A Member said that water leaked from the roof of a footbridge connecting Citywalk and Tsuen Wan Plaza near Tsuen Wan Town Hall. The Member suggested that the department concerned should follow up on this problem.

24. The Chairman stated that the next meeting was scheduled for 17 June

2024 and the deadline for submission of papers was 30 May 2024.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

20 May 2024