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Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of  
District Facilities and Works Committee (2/24-25)

Date: 17 June 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 KWAN Chun-kit, Eric	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 NG Kam-yim	District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, 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 LAM Pui-sze, Millicent	Executive Officer (Planning) 32, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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Mr LEUNG Kwong-chung	Senior Engineer/Mainland South 2, Drainage Services
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Mr CHOY Chi-wai, Ray	Department Engineer/24 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr TAM Wai-ho	Engineer/New Territories West (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives

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

In Attendance:

For discussion of Item 3

Mr YAU Wai-yip	Senior Property Services Manager/Sham Shui Po & Tsuen Kwai, Architectural Services Department
Ms CHAN Li-yee	Property Services Manager/Tsuen Wan, Architectural Services Department

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC) and introduced:

- (1) Mr KWAN Chun-kit, Eric, Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)), Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO), who attended a meeting of the DFWC for the first time; and
- (2) Mr LEUNG Kwong-chung, Senior Engineer/Mainland South 2, Drainage Services Department, who attended this meeting on behalf of Mr HO Kit-ming.

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 stated that at the meeting, Members could speak and make supplementary remarks on each agenda item once respectively. Members could

speaking up to two minutes in the first round of speeches and up to one minute in the second round of speeches.

II        Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 22.4.2024

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: Improvement to the Barrier-free Access Connecting Tsuen Wan Town Hall and Tsuen Wan Plaza  
(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 6/24-25)

6.        The Chairman stated that Mr KOO Yeung-pong submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion (SM(NTS)P), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD);
- (2) Mr YAU Wai-yip, Senior Property Services Manager/Sham Shui Po & Tsuen Kwai, Architectural Services Department (ArchSD); and
- (3) Ms CHAN Li-yee, Property Services Manager/Tsuen Wan (PSM/TW), ArchSD.

7.        Mr KOO Yeung-pong introduced the paper.

8.        SM(NTS)P of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) barrier-free facilities were readily available in Tsuen Wan Town Hall (the “Town Hall”) under the LCSD, facilitating the public to travel to/from the Town Hall and use cultural facilities therein;
- (2) the LCSD welcomed the improvement proposal from the Member, which aimed at providing the public with a more direct route to the Town Hall. The LCSD would also work in tandem. For example, it would make communicative and coordinating efforts to address the noise impact on venue users or hirers during the implementation of the works;
- (3) the LCSD’s staff had conducted an on-site inspection with the Member concerned and a representative from the ArchSD in the morning on the day of this meeting. They had found that there was an emergency vehicular access (EVA) at an exit/entrance of the Plaza of the Town Hall near Tai Pa Street. Hence, it might not be a suitable location to construct a covered walkway; and

- (4) it was possible to construct covered walkways around Tsuen Wan Plaza (along Tai Ho Road and Hoi Shing Road). Yet, the locations concerned were not under the LCSD's management. Moreover, the Member proposed constructing a footbridge to connect an exit/entrance of Tsuen Wan Plaza (where a staircase and stairlift were readily available) to a footbridge (which linked up another exit/entrance of Tsuen Wan Plaza near Hoi Shing Road). The LCSD suggested that the Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat should forward the Member's proposal to departments responsible for the relevant matters or works so that they could study the feasibility of the proposal.

9. PSM/TW of the ArchSD responded that the LCSD stated the existence of an EVA between an exit/entrance of the Town Hall and the Plaza of the Town Hall. Yet, this statement was inconsistent with the related drawings and records. The ArchSD recommended the LCSD to ascertain the matter with the unit concerned again.

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

- (1) a Member said it was shown in accompanying photo nos. 1 and 2 of the captioned paper that there were about ten stairs leading to a footbridge which connected the Town Hall with an exit/entrance of Tsuen Wan Plaza. Residents hoped that a barrier-free access connecting the Town Hall and Tsuen Wan Plaza would be provided, bringing convenience to wheelchair users or people with other needs to travel to/from these two places; and
- (2) a Member recommended the provision of a covered walkway on the ground level at the Plaza of the Town Hall. However, there were public utilities at the location concerned (please refer to accompanying photo no. 6 of the captioned paper). The Member therefore suggested that a covered walkway should be constructed around the periphery of the Plaza of the Town Hall. This proposed walkway should also link up a lift connecting with the footbridge level at Tai Ho Road, thereby enhancing the accessibility.

11. The Chairman suggested including the captioned item in the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meetings. He also requested the LCSD and ArchSD to ascertain the location of the EVA between the Town Hall and its Plaza and to forward the proposal for constructing a covered walkway at the said location to the departments concerned for a feasibility study.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD and ArchSD ascertained that the road section between the entrance of the car park of the Town Hall near Tai Pa Street and the main entrance of the Town Hall was an EVA.)

- V        Item 4: Information Paper  
Report on the Management of Recreational and Sports Facilities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 7/24-25)
12.      District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD introduced the paper.
13.      Members noted the captioned paper from the LCSD.
- VI       Item 5: Information Paper  
Report on the Usage of Performance Venues in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 8/24-25)
14.      SM(NTS)P of the LCSD introduced the paper.
15.      Members noted the captioned paper from the LCSD.
- VII      Item 6: Information Paper  
Report on the Usage of Public Libraries in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 9/24-25)
16.      Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD introduced the paper.
17.      Members noted the captioned paper from the LCSD.
- VIII     Item 7: Any Other Business
18.      A Member said that some residents of Belvedere Garden had pointed out the existence of several stone blocks, which had been set up years ago, on the road off TML Tower, 3 Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan. As pedestrians might trip over those stone blocks, the Member proposed that the TWDO should remove them or carry out beautification and improvement works.
19.      ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that the Works Section of the TWDO would look into the use of the stone blocks and then follow up on the issue with the Member concerned.
- IX       Adjournment of Meeting
20.      The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 19 August 2024 (Monday) and the deadline for submission of papers was 2 August 2024 (Friday).

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat  
2 August 2024