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Minutes of the 7th Meeting of
District Facilities and Works Committee (6/24-25)

Date: 17 February 2025

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

Ms LAM Yuen-pun

Mr CHOW Sum-ming

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH

Dr 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 LAU Chung-kong

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Mr LI Kin-man

Mr CHUNG Chin-to

Ms SO Ching-yin

Government Representatives

Mr KWAN Chun-kit, Eric

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

Mr CHOW Ming-fai

Senior Inspector of Works, Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr LEUNG Siu-ming, David

Architect (Works) 8, Home Affairs Department

Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia

Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms NG Kam-yim

District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LEE Wai-man	Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAW Lai-chun, Gladys	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 32, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr FAN Chin-wai, Joseph	Engineer/14 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr HO Kit-ming	Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2, Drainage Services 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 HSIE Kwun-kuen, Joe	Senior Engineer/Walkability 1, Transport Department
Miss LAM Wing-ching, Larissa	Engineer 7/Walkability, Transport Department
Ms NG Ka-wai, Annisa	Senior Engineer 15/Works, Highways Department

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 7th meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC).

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 speak 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 6th Meeting held on 16.12.2024

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

IV Item 3: A New Round of Walkway Cover Projects
(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 28/24-25)

6. The Chairman stated that the Transport Department (TD) and Highways Department (HyD) would brief Members on a new round of Walkway Cover Projects of the Government. The departments also wished to invite Members to give views on these projects. The representatives from the departments attending the meeting were:

- (1) Mr HSIE Kwun-kuen, Joe, Senior Engineer/Walkability 1 (SE/W1), TD;
- (2) Miss LAM Wing-ching, Larissa, Engineer 7/Walkability, TD; and
- (3) Ms NG Ka-wai, Annisa, Senior Engineer 15/Works (SE15/W), HyD.

7. SE/W1 of the TD and SE15/W of the HyD introduced the paper.

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

- (1) a Member thanked the representatives from the departments for conducting an on-site inspection prior to this meeting. Members could therefore make proposals for Walkway Cover Projects as well as learn about the backgrounds and actual situations of the proposals during the on-site inspection;
- (2) regarding the proposed provision of a cover for the walkway linking Hong Shue House and Lei Muk Shue Shopping Centre, a Member enquired whether the departments concerned could coordinate with the Housing Department in respect of the affected area;
- (3) regarding the proposed provision of a cover for the walkway near Tsuen King Garden in Tsuen King Circuit, a Member pointed out that the said location was close to a ramp used by residents. The Member also recommended the departments concerned to proactively consider this proposal in order to improve the environment and ensure pedestrian safety. The Member also enquired whether the proposed cover would be connected to the existing walkway cover at Waylee Industrial Centre; and

- (4) if the proposal for providing a cover for the walkway near Tsuen King Garden in Tsuen King Circuit would be adopted, a Member held that the proposed cover could be connected with the bus terminus and MTR station. There was also no substitute route for this proposal. Besides, pedestrians could temporarily use a walkway opposite the said location during the construction of the proposed cover. Hence, the proposal would have no significant impact on pedestrians travelling past the location concerned.
9. SE/W1 of the TD responded as follows:
- (1) owing to the issue of land right, the TD did not recommend constructing a walkway cover within private land;
 - (2) regarding the proposed provision of a cover for the walkway linking Hong Shue House and Lei Muk Shue Shopping Centre, the TD recommended adjusting the alignment in order to meet the requirements of Walkway Cover Projects (i.e. the walkway cover should be connected with major public transport facilities); and
 - (3) the TD noted that Members were concerned about the proposed provision of a cover for the walkway near Tsuen King Garden in Tsuen King Circuit. If this proposal would be adopted, the proposed cover would be linked to the existing walkway cover at Waylee Industrial Centre, thereby facilitating residents' journey to the nearby bus terminus or MTR Tsuen Wan Station.
10. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) regarding the proposed provision of a cover for the walkway joining Hoi Kwai Road and MTR Tsuen Wan West Station, a Member said that many people walked to Clague Garden Estate and the industrial area in Tsuen Wan West from Exit A2 of MTR Tsuen Wan West Station. Hence, the footbridges of nearby shopping malls could not serve as substitute routes;
 - (2) regarding the proposed provision of a cover for the walkway joining the footbridge (Structure No. NF109) and Tai Ho Road, a Member enquired how the departments would handle a rain shelter constructed with funding from the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) at a minibuss stop at the said location;
 - (3) the bus terminus near Tsuen King Garden in Tsuen King Circuit had a heavy pedestrian flow. A Member held that if a walkway cover could be constructed there, a greater number of residents would be attracted to walk to the town centre from Tsuen King Circuit;
 - (4) regarding the proposed provision of a cover for the walkway near Tsuen King Garden in Tsuen King Circuit, a Member was concerned about the views from Tsuen Wan Police Station and occupants of lower floors of

Tsuen King Garden Block 1 near the said walkway. The Member also advised the departments concerned to communicate with the owners' committee of Tsuen King Garden so as to address issues;

- (5) a Member said that there was no substitute route for the proposal on providing a cover for the walkway near Tsuen King Garden in Tsuen King Circuit. Also, shelters barely existed along the road section concerned, and residents nearby often walked to Tsuen Wan town centre from Tsuen King Circuit. The Member thus held that there was a keen demand from residents for the construction of a covered walkway at the said location;
- (6) a Member opined that Lo Tak Court was currently at the hub of the footbridge network. This area also had a heavy pedestrian flow. Hence, the Member supported the proposed provision of a cover for the walkway joining the footbridge (Structure No. NF109) and Tai Ho Road; and
- (7) regarding the proposed provision of a cover for the walkway connecting Tsuen Wan Market Street near KOLOUR·Tsuen Wan II to Yan Chai Hospital, a Member enquired about the progress of the construction of a cover for the walkway connecting Yan Chai Street and Tak Hoi Street. The Member also recommended the departments concerned to explore a fresh option by consolidating the data on both proposals, thereby facilitating residents' journey to/from Yan Chai Hospital.

11. SE/W1 of the TD responded as follows:

- (1) the TD welcomed Members' submission of proposals for the new round of Walkway Cover Projects;
- (2) the HyD would conduct a feasibility study on a chosen proposal. It would also consider how the design of the proposed walkway cover could integrate with the existing facilities on a specific road section;
- (3) the TD noted the heavy pedestrian flow near Tsuen King Garden in Tsuen King Circuit. It would also take into account the views from occupants of lower floors of Tsuen King Garden and the nearby police station; and
- (4) the Government had announced the gradual provision of covers for walkways connecting to public hospitals in the Supplement of the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address. The TD had submitted a circulation paper to the TWDC in 2022, recommending the provision of a cover along the walkway on Tsuen Wan Market Street outside Yan Chai Hospital. This proposal aimed at facilitating residents to/from Yan Chai Hospital to access the minibus stops nearby through a walkway in Jockey Club Tak Wah Park or to access MTR Tsuen Wan Station via the footbridges of shopping malls. Subsequently, the TD had conducted an investigation with the HyD. It was discussing the arrangements for

temporarily relocating the minibus stops outside Jockey Club Tak Wah Park during the works period with stakeholders (including the operators of the minibus routes). The TD could forward Members' views on the proposal to the section concerned for its consideration.

12. The Chairman thanked the departments concerned for submitting the captioned paper and Members for giving valuable views. He suggested that three proposals which were more feasible should be prioritised. He also recommended the departments to conduct a survey on pedestrian flow for the three proposals. He suggested that the departments should then consider the proposals alongside other factors (including the level of difficulty of the works and the cost-effectiveness), and that they should discuss the proposals and offer advice at meetings of the DFWC in a timely manner. Additionally, he proposed that representatives from the relevant section of the TD should give Members a briefing about the progress of the construction of a cover for the walkway outside Yan Chai Hospital.

(Post-meeting note: Representatives from the TD, HyD and consultancy gave Members a briefing on 3 April 2025.)

V Item 4: Progress Report on Major Public Works Projects in Tsuen Wan District

(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 29/24-25)

13. The Chairman stated that the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) would report to Members on the progress of major public works projects in Tsuen Wan district half yearly. The representative from the CEDD attending the meeting was Mr FAN Chin-wai, Joseph, Engineer/14 (West) (E/14(W)).

14. E/14(W) of the CEDD introduced the paper.

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

- (1) regarding “Provision of Universal Accessibility Facilities at Footbridges, Elevated Walkways and Subways - Package 6 Contract 1” (Project Code: 6101TX/D), a Member enquired about the progress and details of the construction of a lift at the footbridge (Structure No. NF437) near Hong Kong Garden across Castle Peak Road - Tsing Lung Tau in Tsuen Wan district;
- (2) having noted that “Widening of Tsuen Wan Road and the Associated Junction Improvement Works” (Project Code: 877TH) had been gazetted in 2023, a Member enquired about the progress and details of the works; and
- (3) a Member enquired whether “A 30-classroom Primary School in Tsuen Wan West Station (TW7) Development, Tsuen Wan” (Project Code: 356EP) had been completed.

16. E/14(W) of the CEDD noted the views of Members, and would convey their enquiries to the departments concerned for follow-up.

VI Item 5: Proposal for Setting up a Pet Garden around Tsuen King Circuit
(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 30/24-25)

17. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) introduced the paper.

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

- (1) a Member enquired about the specific criteria for constructing a pet garden and the area requirement for such a facility. The Member also recommended the collection of views from nearby residents in advance, thereby ensuring that the proposed pet garden would gain broad support from residents and minimising the impact on them;
- (2) a Member suggested giving consideration to the conversion of Tsuen King Circuit Garden (near Chiu Tam Path) into a pet garden. The Member also pointed out that the said location was currently a popular spot for walking pets among many residents. Besides, the Member opined that the location was spacious. Facilities were also readily available in the garden for converting it into a pet garden, which could avoid wasting resources. Additionally, as the location was far away from the residential area, the establishment of a pet garden would have no significant impact on pedestrians or residents;
- (3) a Member emphasised that apart from the provision of sufficient space and comprehensive facilities, a pet garden should also be set up at a convenient location in order to meet the needs of pet owners. If a pet garden was set up at a fairly remote location, it might lead to a low utilisation rate and thus a waste of resources;
- (4) a Member pointed out the underutilisation of several existing pet facilities. The Member was worried that the proposed pet garden might have a low utilisation rate and resources would thus be wasted;
- (5) a Member held that the impact of noise on nearby residents should be taken into account. The Member also suggested drawing reference from the construction of Kwok Shui Road Park. A cover should be constructed at Tsuen King Circuit Garden (near Chiu Tam Path) to minimise the noise impact of the proposed pet garden;
- (6) a Member said that there were a range of facilities in Tsuen King Circuit Playground, including a soccer pitch, a basketball court and tennis courts. The Member was worried that the proposed pet garden would have an impact on users of these existing facilities; and
- (7) a Member was concerned about the cost estimate of the project. The Member also enquired whether the estimate covered the costs of

relocating and constructing all related facilities.

19. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:
- (1) there was no specific requirement for the area of a pet garden. It would be subjected to the feasibility of setting up such a facility at a venue and the condition of nearby facilities;
 - (2) the proposal set out in the captioned paper was a preliminary recommendation. The cost of the works project was estimated at about HK\$4.35 million. While the estimate covered the costs of relocating or removing certain facilities (e.g. staircases and planters) in the venue, a further study should be conducted. When proposing the construction of a new pet garden, the LCSD would conduct a district consultation to collect views from residents and fully consider the impact on them; and
 - (3) the LCSD welcomed Members' suggestions for locations suitable for constructing pet gardens. The LCSD and a works department would further discuss the Member's proposal for converting Tsuen King Circuit Garden (near Chiu Tam Path) into a pet garden, and would conduct a feasibility study on suggestions for constructing a cover and providing suitable facilities (e.g. a drainage system).

20. The Chairman said that the construction of a pet garden would require considerable resources. The works might have to be carried out under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme of the Home Affairs Department. He asked the representative from the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) to give supplementary remarks.

21. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO responded that if the LCSD saw the necessity to implement the works project under the DMW Programme upon the completion of a further study and district consultation, the TWDO would review the sufficiency of existing resources to implement the works project with the LCSD at that time.

22. The Chairman asked the LCSD to further study Members' proposals.

VII Item 6: 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. 31/24-25)

23. DLM(TW) of the LCSD introduced the paper. She said that the LCSD would remove a total of 20 *Acacia confusa* trees in the horticultural zone along the roadside at Wo Yi Hop Interchange in Tsuen Wan district. This aimed at making room for planting suitable plants.

24. Members noted the captioned paper from the LCSD.

VIII Item 7: Information Paper

Report on the Usage of Performance Venues in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 32/24-25)

25. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of the LCSD introduced the paper. She added that the Exhibition Gallery of Tsuen Wan Town Hall had undergone regular repair and maintenance works for ten days in December 2024.

26. Members noted the captioned paper from the LCSD.

IX Item 8: Information Paper

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

(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 33/24-25)

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

28. Members noted the captioned paper from the LCSD.

X Item 9: Any Other Business

29. The Chairman announced that Ms WAH Mei-ling had been appointed as a non-official member of the Building Safety Loan Scheme Vetting Committee by the Buildings Department. Her tenure would end on 30 November 2026.

XI Adjournment of Meeting

30. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 14 April 2025 and the deadline for submission of papers was 27 March 2025.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

3 April 2025