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Minutes of the 8th Meeting of
District Facilities and Works Committee (1/25-26)

Date: 14 April 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 MAN Yuen-ling, Rachel

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 LAM Pui-sze, Millicent	Executive Officer (Planning) 32, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr HAO Zhipeng, Robin	Engineer/37 (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
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

In Attendance:

For discussion of Item 4

Ms TANG Suet-fan	Senior Project Manager, WCWP International Limited
Mr MAK Chong-kit	Architectural Assistant, WCWP International Limited

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 8th meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC) and introduced:

- (1) Ms MAN Yuen-ling, Rachel, who attended a meeting of the DFWC for the first time and replaced Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia to assume the post of Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); and
- (2) Mr HAO Zhipeng, Robin, Engineer/37 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department, who attended a meeting of the DFWC for the first time and replaced Mr FAN Chin-wai, Joseph to attend future meetings of the 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 7th Meeting held on 17.2.2025

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: Request for Improvement of the Planter Kerbs at Chung On Street near Ho Pui Street and the Exits of Yi Pei Square and Sam Pei Square
(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 1/25-26)

6. The Chairman stated that Mr CHU Tak-wing submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Mr WONG Hei-long, Ken, District Engineer/Tsuen Wan (DE/TW), Highways Department (HyD); and
- (2) Ms NG Kam-yim, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)), LCSD.

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

7. Mr CHU Tak-wing introduced the paper.

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

- (1) a Member said that the planter kerbs at the location concerned had been in use for more than ten years. As soil underneath the paving blocks had gradually been washed away by storm water, the height difference between the kerbs and road surface became bigger and bigger. Quite a number of elders had tripped over the kerbs which were about three inches in height. The situation was unsatisfactory;
- (2) a Member pointed out that the objective of setting up the planters back then was to beautify Chung On Street. There were frequent traffic congestion and illegal parking from Ho Pui Street to Sha Tsui Road, posing danger to pedestrians crossing the carriageways. The Member

proposed removing those planters and setting up a lay-by at the said location for picking up/setting down passengers or loading/unloading goods;

- (3) a Member pointed out the unevenness of the pavement at the junction of Chung On Street and Sha Tsui Road near Nanyang Commercial Bank (Tsuen Wan branch). On rainy days, there would even be blocked outfalls and flooding in the middle of the said pavement;
- (4) a Member said that the paving blocks of the pavement linking Chung On Street and Yi Pei Square were aged. Also, the pavement would be flooded on rainy days due to serious subsidence. The Member recommended the department concerned to carry out levelling works at this location;
- (5) a Member said that the paving blocks of the pavement on Chung On Street near the junction of Yi Pei Square and Sam Pei Square were different from those commonly found on streets. The Member enquired whether the department's preparation of relevant materials for repairing these paving blocks would take a longer time if the pavement was flooded;
- (6) in view of the single variety of plants (mostly greenery) along Chung On Street, a Member recommended the planting of colourful flowers to enhance the streetscape;
- (7) a Member pointed out that some wooden fences enclosing the planters were damaged, resulting in rodent infestation. The situation was unsatisfactory. The Member thus proposed that the retention of the planters should be carefully reviewed having regard to the hygiene and safety factors; and
- (8) a Member said that there were vehicle-pedestrian conflicts at the location concerned and the planters also caused obstructions to pedestrians. The Member therefore proposed taking safety into account and removing those planters.

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

- (1) according to the HyD's record, the six planters at the junction of Chung On Street and Ho Pui Street had been constructed by the Urban Renewal Authority. The HyD was responsible for the repair and maintenance of these planters. Having checked the relevant drawings and taken measurements at the site, the HyD's staff had found that the height of the kerbs was consistent with that set out in the initial design;
- (2) trees had been newly planted at the junction of Chung On Street and Ho Pui Street in compliance with the latest building standards. According to these standards, the HyD would jointly discuss and study improvement to the height of the planter kerbs with the departments concerned;

- (3) the HyD would send its staff to conduct an on-site inspection to follow up on the issue of the uneven pavement at the junction of Chung On Street and Sha Tsui Road near Nanyang Commercial Bank (Tsuen Wan branch);
- (4) as the proposal for removing the planters and setting up a lay-by fell within the purview of the Transport Department (TD), the HyD should discuss the relevant matters with the TD;
- (5) the HyD would discuss with the LCSD the proposal for retaining the planters and improving the design of the kerbs according to the relevant standards. The HyD would also study the proposal for removing the planters and setting up a lay-by with the LCSD and TD; and
- (6) uniquely coloured paving blocks made of special materials had been adopted under the Tsuen Wan Chung On Street Revitalising Programme. The HyD would purchase the relevant materials according to the needs and prepare paving blocks in the required colours.

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

- (1) the LCSD was responsible for maintaining the plants in the planters. It had nothing to add to the provision of the planters and their height; and
- (2) noting the Member's proposal for planting plants in a range of shades, the LCSD would plant colourful plants at the location concerned.

11. The Chairman said that the location covered an extensive area, including the entire Chung On Street. He thus suggested that the HyD and departments concerned should conduct an on-site inspection with Members, assessing whether the planters should be retained or their height should be improved. Moreover, the pavement on Chung On Street had adopted a V-shaped design to complement the drainage system. Yet, the surface of the pavement had thus become slightly uneven. He advised the HyD to explore improvement measures.

(Post-meeting note: Representatives from the HyD, LCSD, TD and Hong Kong Police Force conducted an on-site inspection with Members on 23 May 2025.)

V Item 4: Overview of the Projects under the District Minor Works Programme of the Tsuen Wan District Office
(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 2/25-26)

12. The Chairman stated that the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) would brief Members on the implementation of the projects under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme in 2024/25 in Tsuen Wan district, as well as the overview of the proposed works projects in 2025/26.

13. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO introduced the paper.

14. The Chairman asked the TWDO and LCSD to provide the detailed information of the projects under the DMW Programme after the meeting.

15. Members noted the captioned paper from the TWDO.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat forwarded the supplementary information to Members on 30 April 2025.)

VI Item 5: 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. 3/25-26)

16. DLM(TW) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

17. Members noted the captioned paper from the LCSD.

VII Item 6: Information Paper

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

(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 4/25-26)

18. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of the LCSD introduced the paper.

19. Members noted the captioned paper from the LCSD.

VIII Item 7: Information Paper

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

(TWDC DFWC Paper No. 5/25-26)

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

21. Members noted the captioned paper from the LCSD.

IX Item 8: Any Other Business

22. There was no other business.

X Adjournment of Meeting

23. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 16 June 2025 and the deadline for submission of papers was 30 May 2025.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

30 May 2025