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Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee
7th Term of Wan Chai District Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Date: 19 March 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Venue: District Council Conference Room, Wan Chai District Office,
21/F Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong

Present

Arrival

Departure

Chairperson

Ms LAU Pui-shan, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:20 p.m.

Vice-Chairperson

Mr LEE Man-lung, Joey, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:20 p.m.

Members

Mr NG Chak-sum, Sam

3:00 p.m.

3:20 p.m.

Ms LEE Pik-ye, Peggy, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:20 p.m.

Mr CHOW Kam-wai, BBS, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:20 p.m.

Mr LAM Wai-kong, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:20 p.m.

Mr SUN Tao-hung, Stanley, JP

3:00 p.m.

3:20 p.m.

Ms MOK Ruby

3:00 p.m.

3:20 p.m.

Representatives of Core Government Departments

Mr CHEUNG Ho-yat, Steven

Assistant District Officer (Wan Chai), Home Affairs
Department

Mr CHAN Siu-wai, William

Senior Executive Officer (District Management)/ Wan
Chai, Home Affairs Department

Mr LAM Ho-pang, Derick

Liaison Officer i/c (South)/ Wan Chai, Home Affairs
Department

Mr WONG Bun	Inspector of Works (Hong Kong) 1, Home Affairs Department
Mr WONG Man-wong	Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken	District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr MA Che-kong, Edwin	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Wan Chai, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHEUNG Pui-yee	Senior Librarian (Wan Chai), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Chi-keung, Kaizer	Executive Officer (Planning) 11A, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LEUNG Ho-san, Tony	Senior Engineer/ 9 (South), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHEUNG Man-chung, Tim	District Engineer/ Wan Chai, Highways Department
Mr LO Kin-on, Calvin	Engineer/ Eastern 1, Drainage Services Department

Representatives of Other Government Departments

Mr CHAN Chi-cheung	Senior Engineer/ Eastern, Highways Department
Mr LO Chun-man, Jonathan	Executive Officer (District Management)/ Wan Chai, Home Affairs Department

Absent with Apology

Mr MUK Ka-chun

Secretary

Miss LO Lok-man, Daisy	Executive Officer I (District Council)/ Wan Chai, Home Affairs Department
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Opening Remarks

The Chairperson welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the 2nd meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee (“DFWC”) of the 7th Wan Chai District Council (“WCDC”).

2. The Chairperson told the meeting that Mr MUK Ka-chun was unable to attend the meeting due to sickness and a consent would be given to his application for absence in accordance with the Wan Chai District Council Standing Orders.

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee

3. The Chairperson said that the Secretariat had not received Members' proposed amendments to the minutes of the 1st meeting.

4. With a motion moved by Mr LEE Man-lung, Joey and seconded by Mr CHOW Kam-wai, the minutes of the 1st meeting were confirmed.

Item 2: Management and Works Progress of Recreation and Sports Facilities in Wan Chai District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (DFWC Paper No. 2/2024)

5. The Chairperson invited representatives of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) to introduce Paper No. 2/2024.

6. Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken, LCSD, introduced the paper.

7. Members had the following comments/questions:

(i) Regarding the renovation works being carried out in phases at the Hong Kong Tennis Centre, feedback was received from members of the public that there had been issues of uneven ground surface and ponding of water in some of the completed courts, which affected members of the public in playing tennis. It was hoped that the Department would pay more attention when arranging renovation works in the future; and

(ii) The utilization rate of a number of squash courts in the district was on the low

side. It was suggested that the Department should consider opening up the courts for members of the public to rent them for other purposes, such as table tennis or other sports where venues were insufficient, in the event that no application for renting a squash court had been received.

8. Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken, LCSD, responded as follows:

- (i) The Hong Kong Tennis Centre was currently being renovated by the Architectural Services Department's contractor in phases. The Department would closely monitor the ongoing works in the light of the situation raised by Members, and would also review the conditions of the completed courts and arrange for improvement works as necessary; and
- (ii) The Lockhart Road Sports Centre had just been reopened upon completion of renovation works early this year, which might have a temporary impact on the utilization rate. The Department had all along been concerned about the low utilization rate of the squash courts. At present, most of the squash courts in Wan Chai had been opened for other uses, such as activity rooms and table-tennis activities, in addition to squash activities. The utilization rates set out in the Annex had already reflected the above arrangement. The Department would continue to monitor the utilization of the squash courts and review the arrangement in due course.

9. Members noted the above paper.

Item 3: Ongoing or Planned Works of Barrier-free Facilities in Wan Chai District by the Highways Department in the Past Two Months and their Timetables (DFWC Paper No. 3/2024)

10. The Chairperson invited the representative of the Highways Department (“HyD”) to introduce Paper No. 3/2024.

11. Mr CHEUNG Man-chung, Tim, District Engineer/Wan Chai of HyD, introduced the paper.

12. Members had the following comments/questions:

- (i) The Department had indicated earlier that it had commissioned an engineering consultant to conduct an exploration study on the works of the escalator and lift system from Lau Sin Street to Tin Hau Temple Road, and the project had been discussed for many years. It was hoped that the Department could report on the progress of the project as soon as possible; and
- (ii) A number of streets in Wan Chai were having uneven pavement surface. For example, problems such as loose floor tiles, ponding of water, or protruding covers of drains connected to different pipes had been found for the pavement outside Sogo Department Store in Causeway Bay, Pak Sha Road, Tonnochy Road, etc., which hindered the pedestrian safety. It was recommended that the Department should conduct a comprehensive review on the pavement surface condition of Wan Chai, and where feasible, consider replacing eco-pavers with concrete pavers as the paving material for some of the streets.

13. Mr CHEUNG Man-chung, Tim, District Engineer/Wan Chai of HyD, responded as follows:

- (i) In response to Members' enquiry about the works for the escalator and lift system from Lau Sin Street to Tin Hau Temple Road, the Department would provide supplementary information after the meeting; and
- (ii) He would like to thank Members for their comments on the conditions of pavements in Wan Chai. At present, the HyD had been conducting regular inspections of pavements and would arrange for repairs as soon as possible if any damage to paving slabs was detected. Regarding the selection of pavement materials, it was necessary to take into account a number of factors, such as the degree of difficulty of the works, their appearance and compatibility with the surrounding environment, etc. The HyD would consider Members' suggestions in detail.

[Post-meeting note: The District Engineer/Wan Chai of the HyD provided supplementary information after the meeting that the Department had consulted the Development, Planning and Traffic Committee of WCDC on the preliminary design alignment of the works for the escalator and lift system from Lau Sin Street to Tin Hau Temple Road on 21 March 2023, which was supported by the Committee. The engineering consultant was now proceeding with the detailed design work and would

continue to communicate with the relevant stakeholders with a view to continuing to optimize the scheme and minimizing the impact on the stakeholders. HyD would update the DC on the progress of the project in due course.]

14. Members noted the above paper.

Item 4: Date of Next Meeting

15. The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on 14 May 2024 (Tuesday) at 3:00 pm.

16. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Wan Chai District Council Secretariat
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