

The minutes were confirmed on 4 May 2018
without amendment.

**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee
under the Yuen Long District Council in 2018**

Date: 2 March 2018 (Friday)

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room, 13/F., Yuen Long Government Offices, 2 Kiu Lok Square,
Yuen Long

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
Chairman: Mr LEE Yuet-man, MH	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Vice-chair man: Mr TANG Cheuk-yin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:30 a.m.)
Members: Mr CHAM Ka-hung, Daniel, BBS, MH, JP	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Ms CHAN Mei-lin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHAN Sze-ching	(10:15 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHEUNG Muk-lam	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHING Chan-ming	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Ms CHIU Sau-han, MH	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHOW Wing-kan	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr KWOK Hing-ping	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr KWOK Keung, MH	(Beginning of the meeting)	(12:00 noon)
Mr LAI Wai-hung	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Ms LAU Kwai-yung	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LEUNG Fuk-yuen	(10:15 a.m.)	(12:00 noon)
Mr LEUNG Ming-kin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LUI-kin, MH	(10:15 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Ms MA Shuk-yin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:30 a.m.)
Mr MAK Ip-sing	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr MAN Kwong-ming	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr MAN Ping-nam, MH	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr SHUM Ho-kit	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:55 a.m.)
Mr SIU Long-ming	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr TANG Cheuk-him	(Beginning of the meeting)	(12:00 noon)
Mr TANG Hing-ip, BBS	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr TANG Ka-leung	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr TANG Sui-man	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr TANG Yung-yiu,	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)

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Mr TSANG Shu-wo	(Beginning of the meeting)	(10:55 a.m.)
Mr WONG Cheuk-kin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Ms WONG Wai-ling	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:55 a.m.)
Mr WONG Wai-shun, MH	(Beginning of the meeting)	(12:00 noon)
Mr YIU Kwok-wai	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr YOUNG Ka-on	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Ms YUEN Man-yee	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)

Secretary:	Ms WONG Man-ting, Mandy	Executive Officer I (District Council), Yuen Long District Office
Assistant Secretary:	Ms CHUNG Sin-kwan, Polly	Executive Officer (District Council)4, Yuen Long District Office

In attendance

Mr NG Lak-sun, Nixon	Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long) 1
Mr TSANG Tak-chung	Senior Inspector of Works(1), Yuen Long District Office
Mr CHAN Sai-hung	Senior Inspector of Works(2), Yuen Long District Office
Mr HUI Wai-ming, Kenneth	Liaison Officer-in-charge (R5), Yuen Long District Office
Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina	Senior Executive Officer(Planning)1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LUNG Lai-seung, Wendy	District Leisure Manager(Yuen Long), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Shu-yan, Francis	Chief Leisure Manager(New Territories North), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms KWAN Yuen-mei, Rica	Senior Librarian(Yuen Long), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine	Senior Manager(NTW)Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LI Yee-wa, Cathy	Senior Estate Surveyor/West, District Lands Office, Yuen Long

Item 2

Ms CHEUNG Yuk-shan, Linda	Chief Executive Officer (Planning)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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Item 3

Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department

Ms FUNG Ka-yiu Architectural Assistant, WCWP International Limited

Item 5

Mr HO Kwai-hung, Barry Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Yuen Long District Office

Ms AU Hing-tsz Executive Officer (Community Affairs), Yuen Long District Office

Ms WONG Suk-fun, Josephine Housing Manager/YLG6, Housing Department

Item 6 to 8

Mr HO Kwai-hung, Barry Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Yuen Long District Office

Ms AU Hing-tsz Executive Officer (Community Affairs), Yuen Long District Office

Absent

The Hon LUK Chung-hung (Absent due to other commitments)

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Opening Remark

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the meeting.

2. The Hon LUK Chung-hung was absent due to other commitments.

Item 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the first meeting in 2018

3. The Chairman concluded that the minutes were unanimously confirmed by Members.

Item 2: Matters arising: Latest proposed facilities for the redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium

(DFMC Paper No. 26/2018)

4. The Chairman said that at the meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) held on 5 January this year, Members had discussed the latest proposed facilities for the redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium (YLS) submitted by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and had urged LCSD to listen to the views put forth by Members on the redevelopment of YLS to improve the proposal for the proposed facilities for the redevelopment of YLS and submit it to DFMC for consultation later. LCSD was now submitting a new paper reporting to Members on the latest development on the proposed facilities for the redevelopment of YLS and consult Members' views in this respect.

5. In addition to welcoming permanent departmental representatives, the Chairman also welcomed the following person to the meeting:

Chief Executive Officer (Planning)2, LCSD

Ms CHEUNG

Yuk-shan, Linda

6. Members' views were summarised as follows:

- (1) It was pointed out that years ago LCSD had consulted Yuen Long District Council (YLDC) for the construction of a cover at the east spectator stand. At that time, the department said that the work was technically feasible, but LCSD now said that it is not possible to construct a cover for the east spectator stand for the redevelopment of YLS due to geographical constraints and cost issue;
- (2) The east spectator stand of YLS had a total of 2,886 seats. According to the latest proposed facilities submitted by LCSD, it would provide detachable shading facilities for 1,000 seats of the east spectator stand for organizing large-scale district events in the stadium in the future. Members were dissatisfied with this proposal that it can only cover about one-third of the seats of the east spectator stand;
- (3) Various Members opined that the department should provide a full cover for the east spectator stand. If the department only constructs the detachable shading facilities for 1,000 seats of the east spectator stand, it would not only be unsightly, but would also let the users of the remaining seats continue bearing the sun and rain. They opined that the department needs to fully consider the actual use of the stadium, improve the inadequacies of the existing venue and take into account the needs of the venue users;

- (4) It was enquired about the location distribution of the detachable shading facilities. Considering the issue of sunlight direction, there were concerns that the facilities may not have a good shading effect. Also, it was said that the shading function of the existing cover in the west spectator stand could not cover all seats also because of the direction of sunlight. It was enquired whether there would be corresponding improvement after reprovisioning the west spectator stand;
- (5) It was worried that the cost of installing the detachable shading facilities each time would be expensive. It was pointed out that if the venue users are to bear the cost, and as it is difficult to predict the weather before the event, they will tend to choose not to install the detachable shading facilities for the east spectator stand, which will make the relevant facilities exist in name only. If the cost is to be borne by LCSD, it was worried that the department would approve the application for request to install the detachable shading facilities according to the department's financial situation for the time being. It was hoped that LCSD would explain the operation mode for installing the detachable shading facilities each time in future;
- (6) In principle, Members supported LCSD to submit the funding application to the Legislative Council as soon as possible to hire consultants for conducting pre-construction studies. However, some Members did not support the installation of detachable shading facilities in the east spectator stand, and opined that the department needs to install a fixed cover for the east spectator stand;
- (7) It was suggested that LCSD broadens the scope of the study when it hires consultants to conduct pre-construction studies for the redevelopment of YLS, and develops different study options based on factors such as providing detachable shading facilities or fixed cover for the east spectator stand, and the coverage of the cover. Upon completion of the study, LCSD is required to provide sufficient information to Members to consider and decide on the feasibility and cost of each option;
- (8) It was suggested that LCSD refers to the practice of other venues and large-scale district facilities in using steel structures and lighter materials instead of concrete structures to reduce the weight of the cover. Also, LCSD should actively seek ways to solve the technical limitations of building the cover for the east spectator stand;

- (9) According to the 2017 Policy Address, the government would reserve resources to promote sports development. As YLS had been in use for more than 40 years, the redevelopment was a long-awaited project for Yuen Long District residents. LCSD should allocate resources and optimize the proposal for the redevelopment of YLS, and construct complete supporting facilities, so that YLS can meet the exact needs of users after the redevelopment and meet the expectations of residents;
- (10) The population of Yuen Long District had been rising. It was hoped that YLS would meet the standard for organizing international matches after the redevelopment to meet the needs for sports facilities in the district and to help promote sports development in Yuen Long District;
- (11) It was enquired whether the design of the 11-a-side natural turf football pitch and 8-lane 400m-long synthetic athletics track and field facilities after the re-provisioning meet international standards;
- (12) It was suggested that when holding large-scale district events, private car parking spaces be reserved for venue users and open for public use for the rest of the time. Also, spaces should be reserved in Yuen Long Park for the parking of motorcycles and bicycles, therefore releasing more parking spaces in Yuen Long Stadium. A parking area should be planned outside Town Park Road South for tour coaches to pick up and drop off passengers. At the same time, it was suggested reserving two special parking spaces for ambulances and set parking spaces for disabled persons near the entrance and exit of the car park, and ensure that the passage has a width enough for the access of wheelchair users. A suitable truck loading and unloading area should be planned near No. 3 gate of YLS to facilitate the transportation of sports equipment;
- (13) It was reiterated that LCSD should attend the DFMC meetings together with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) to explain the feasibility of the project to Members and urged LCSD to report the progress of the project to DFMC on a regular basis;
- (14) It was enquired that if DFMC endorsed this paper and lets LCSD consult the Legislative Council on the pre-construction work of YLS redevelopment, whether it meant that LCSD would redevelop the latest proposed facilities of YLS based on the present submitted proposal; and

(15) Some Members suggested letting Members express whether they support the latest proposed facilities for the redevelopment of YLS by means of voting.

7. Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (1) According to the proposed facilities for the redevelopment of YLS, the 11-a-side natural turf football pitch after reprovisioning would meet the requirements for organizing international matches, the 8-lane 400m-long synthetic athletics track would also meet with the standards of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), while the redevelopment project would also add relevant ancillary facilities for organizing international matches, such as the media center, press work area, commentator room, press release center, TV broadcast room and doping control room;
- (2) As regards the number of visitors to the large-scale events held in YLS, the number of admissions to the annual Tin Hau Festival celebration was about 5,000. As for the regular events, such as the Hong Kong Super League and school sports day, the maximum number of visitors was about 2,000. Adding a cover to the east spectator stand requires consideration of the existing venue constraints and the cost involved in foundation reinforcement. The department recommended the study for installing detachable shading facilities for 1,000 seats at the east spectator stand only after considering the number of visitors to the YLS for the large-scale events and the overall cost-effectiveness of installing the cover for the east spectator stand;
- (3) At the pre-construction stage of the redevelopment of YLS, the department needed to engage a consultant to conduct the study. The main areas of the study include preliminary and detailed design, site survey, small scale study, and preparation and assessment of tenders. After completing the consultancy study, LCSD would consult DFMC again on the redevelopment design proposal.

8. The Chairman supplemented that, according to the procedures for project implementation, DFMC should now discuss whether to support LCSD to consult the Legislative Council on the pre-construction works of the redevelopment of YLS and submit a funding application for conducting the pre-construction consultancy study. After the endorsement of DFMC, the department would conduct a consultancy study on the redevelopment of YLS according to the views of Members. After completing the consultancy study and design proposal, LCSD would consult the views of DFMC again together with

ArchSD. By that time, Members could discuss the design proposal in details and decide whether to accept it. After DFMC endorsed the design proposal, LCSD would consult the Legislative Council again on the construction project and submit a funding application to officially start the project.

9. After discussion, Members decided to vote on the latest proposed facilities submitted by LCSD for the redevelopment of YLS by open ballot and a show of hands. The content of the voting was as follows:

“The District Facilities Management Committee supported the contents of the latest proposed facilities submitted by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, including the contents of work items (a) to (n) of the document. However, the District Facilities Management Committee urged the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Architectural Services Department to include in the pre-construction consultancy study the study for the installation of shading facilities in the existing east spectator stand for holding large-scale district events in the venue in the future study, including the structural impact and the need for reinforcement works.”

10. Members who voted for the content included Ms CHIU Sau-han, MH, Mr CHOW Wing-kan, Ms LAU Kwai-yung, Mr LEUNG Fuk-yuen, Mr LEUNG Ming-kin, Mr LUI Kin, MH, Ms MA Shuk-yin, Mr MAK Ip-sing, Mr MAN Kwong-ming, Mr SHUM Ho-kit, Mr SIU Long-ming, Mr TANG Cheuk-him, Mr TANG Cheuk-yin, Mr TANG Yung-yiu, Ronnie, Ms WONG Wai-ling, Mr YIU Kwok-wai, Mr YOUNG Ka-on and Ms YUEN Man-ye. Members who voted against the content included Mr CHAM Ka-hung, Daniel, BBS, MH, JP, Mr CHEUNG Muk-lam, Mr CHING Chan-ming, Mr KWOK Keung, MH and Mr MAN Ping-nam, MH. Members who abstained from voting included Ms CHAN Mei-lin, Mr CHAN Sze-ching, Mr TANG Hing-ip, BBS, Mr TANG Ka-leung, Mr TANG Sui-man, Mr WONG Cheuk-kin and Mr WONG Wai-shun, MH.

11. The Chairman announced that there were 18 votes for, 5 votes against and 7 abstentions. The content of the voting was endorsed by an absolute majority of votes.

12. The Chairman concluded by urging LCSD to take note the content of voting by Members and the views of Members.

**Item 3: Progress report on District Minor Works (DMW) Programme
(projects proposed by District Council Members)
(DFMC Paper No. 17/2018)**

13. In addition to welcoming permanent departmental representatives,

the Chairman also welcomed the following persons to the meeting:

Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department	Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva
Architectural Assistant, WCWP International Limited	Ms FUNG Ka-yiu

14. The views and responses of Members and relevant departmental representatives on the following projects were summarised as follows:

(1) **“Construction of a Sitting-out area adjoining Pat Heung Pai Lau, Pat Heung Road” (YL-DMW143)**

- Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina reported that the works had almost completed and the sitting-out area was expected to open on 14 March 2018; and
- The project proponent thanked the department and DFMC for their efforts in promoting the above project.

(2) **“Construction of a Children’s Playground at Shek Wui Wai, Yuen Long” (YL-DMW169)**

- Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina reported that the works were expected to be completed by mid-2018.

(3) **“Construction of Sitting-out Area at Shui Tau Road, Kam Tin” (YL-DMW199)**

- Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina reported that the tendering procedures for the works had commenced on 26 January 2018, and was closed on 23 February 2018. The department was currently conducting tender evaluation.

(4) **“Construction of Covered Walkway from Tin Wah Estate to near Shui Sing House at Tin Shui Road, Tin Shui Wai” (YL-DMW212)**

- Members pointed out that the feasibility study for the works was completed in 2015, and enquired about the work implementation timetable and hoped the works would commence as soon as possible; and
- Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva responded that due to limited resources, it was expected that the works of YL-DMW212 would be launched in the next financial year after the completion of the works of YL-DMW213.

(5) “Construction of Covered Walkway from Bus Stop near Yat Tam House to Grandeur Terrace Multi-storey Carpark, Tin Shui Wai” (YL-DMW213)

- Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva, together with Ms FUNG Ka-yiu, the representative of the consulting company, reported the tendering design proposal and the latest estimated project cost to Members in a slide presentation, and applied to DFMC to raise the estimated project cost to \$6.394 million;
- Members were satisfied with the overall design of the project, and also enquired whether the coverage of the covered walkway could be extended to the location for waiting the traffic lights;
- Considering that the estimated project cost had risen from \$5 million plus to \$6 million plus now, it was opined that the implementation of various works should be sped up so as to avoid the project costs from consistently rising due to work delays;
- It was pointed out that during the construction period, the footpath would be closed and thus the passengers and wheelchair users would not be able to get to the buses via the footpath. It was therefore enquired whether the department would relocate the bus stop due to the closure of the footpath; and
- Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva responded that discussion had been made with the bus company and the Transport Department (TD) to carry out the project in phases and arrange for temporary pedestrian access. The bus company indicated that it would move the location of the bus stop to the front or rear of the area involved in the construction.

(6) “Construction of Covered Walkway from Tin Yuet Estate to Tin Yuet Light Rail Station, Tin Shui Wai” (YL-DMW214)

- Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva reported that the works were expected to be completed by mid-2018.

(7) “Provision of Elderly Fitness Facilities at Ping Shan Shing Uk Tsuen Playground”

- Members hoped to launch the works as soon as possible; and
- Ms LUNG Lai-seung, Wendy responded that the department would evaluate the budget for this project and expected to submit a funding application to DFMC this year.

(8) “Construction of covered walkways in Tin Shui Wai District (Phase 2)”

- Members enquired respectively whether the construction of covered walkways in Vianni Cove and Tin Fu Light Rail Stop and project YL-DMW216 had been included in the “Construction of covered walkways in Tin Shui Wai District (Phase 2)” and related developments;
- Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva responded that at the meeting of DFMC on 5 September 2014, DFMC had endorsed that after the smooth launching of the first phase of the project, the second phase of the project would be followed up.

(9) “Environment improvement works to the forecourt of Tat Tak Communal Hall”

- Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina reported that a consultancy company would be commissioned by the Works Section of the Home Affairs Department later to conduct a pre-assignment study for the project; and
- Members thanked LCSD for arranging an on-site inspection for this project. As it was time-consuming and costly for the proposed cultural square, it was therefore suggested carrying out simple landscaping works for the forecourt of Tat Tak Communal Hall, such as planting plants and installing seats and pavilions on both sides of the open space, such that Tat Tak Communal Hall and the environment of the forecourt will match each other and hoped that the works could start as soon as possible.

(10) “Construction of covered walkways from Yuen Long South to Yuen Long Town”

- Members urged to confirm the project schedule as soon as possible.

(11) “Construction of a recreational park at Tai Tong Shan Road (near the pavilion)”

- Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina reported that a consultancy company would be commissioned by the Works Section of the Home Affairs Department later to conduct a pre-assignment study for the project;
- Members said that the area of the location was huge, and although there were slopes, there were flat areas too. It was suggested that the department should clean up the trees, construct a recreational park as soon as possible, and set up basic leisure facilities such as pavilions and seats so as to help divert the people going to Tai Tong to see the red leaves every year and alleviate the traffic congestion problem there;
- It was opined that Tai Tong was a good place to enjoy the red leaves. The department should provide supporting facilities to help promote the

development of the area, providing a leisure place for the public and benefit the people's livelihood;

- It was suggested that the department should discuss with the project proponent as soon as possible to expedite the project and hoped that the second phase would be carried out in the future; and
- Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina responded that the project proponent and representatives of LCSD and Home Affairs Department had conducted an on-site inspection on the project on 12 February 2018 to discuss the proposed construction area. The department understood Members' views that the project should be carried out in phases and would study to carry out the first phase of the project in a relatively flat place.

(12)“Construction of sitting-out area and fitness facilities near the entrance of Tin Wah Estate”

- Members understood that the proposed site had other planned uses and hoped to construct simple facilities near the site;
- It was pointed out that the location was situated between Chung Fu Light Rail Stop and Tin Shui Wai Hospital, so it was suggested installing seats to provide a resting place for those in need; and
- Mr CHAN Sai-hung responded that he would discuss the arrangements for installing seats with the project proponent after the meeting.

(13)“Construction of a rain shelter at Tai Tong Shan Road”

- Members said that the coverage of the proposed rain shelter was too small, and suggested expanding the construction area, providing a leisure place for people coming to see the red leaves and help to divert the people flow; and
- It was suggested handling properly the plants near the site, such as White Popinac and Acacia confuse.

(14)“Provision of sitting-out area near the junction of Fung Cheung Road and Kong Yau Road

- Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina reported that a consultancy company would be commissioned by the Works Section of the Home Affairs Department later to conduct a pre-assignment study for the project.

15. The Chairman urged the departments to follow up on the views of Members on various projects and to launch the works as soon as possible and to conduct the pre-assignment study for the “Environment improvement works to the forecourt of Tat Tak Communal Hall”, “Construction of a recreational park at Tai Tong Shan Road (near the pavilion)” and “Provision of sitting-out area near the

junction of Fung Cheung Road and Kong Yau Road”.

16. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper, and endorsed to raise the estimated project cost for YL-DMW213 “Construction of Covered Walkway from Bus Stop near Yat Tam House to Grandeur Terrace Multi-storey Carpark, Tin Shui Wai” to \$6.394 million, and at the same time urged the relevant departments to closely liaise with TD and the bus company to ensure the safe use of the adjacent bus stop by the public would not be affected during the construction period.

Item 4: Progress report on Minor Environmental Improvement Programme in 2017/18

(DFMC Paper No. 18/2018)

17. Mr CHAN Sai-hung briefly introduced the above paper.

18. Members enquired about the number of benches installed in “YL-DMW276 - Construction of Benches near lamp post no. BD 0379, Nam Sang Wai, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long District”.

19. Mr CHAN Sai-hung responded that information would be provided to the relevant Members after the meeting.

20. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper.

Item 5: Utilisation rate of community centres/community halls in Yuen Long District

(DFMC Paper No. 19/2018)

21. The Chairman welcomed the following persons to the meeting:

Yuen Long District Office

Senior Executive Officer (District Management) Mr HO Kwai-hung,
Barry

Executive Officer (Community Affairs) Ms AU Hing-tsz

Housing Department

Housing Manager/YLG6 Ms WONG Suk-fun,
Josephine

22. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper.

Item 6: Pilot Scheme on Partitioning the Multi-purpose Hall in Yuen Long Town East Community Hall

(DFMC Paper No. 20/2018)

23. Mr HO Kwai-hung, Barry briefly introduced the above paper.
24. Members' views were summarised as follows:
- (1) It was pointed out that Yuen Long Town East Community Hall had a lower utilisation rate from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., and enquired whether the partitioning of the Multi-purpose Hall would be arranged after 10 a.m.;
 - (2) It was suggested that the day of the scheme of partitioning be changed to Thursdays;
 - (3) It was pointed out that the current utilisation rate of the Multi-purpose Hall of Yuen Long Town East Community Hall was not high, and opined that there was no need to partition the hall for different groups for renting at the same time;
 - (4) It was pointed out that the "Working Group on the Management of Facilities in Community Halls and Community Centres in Yuen Long District" (WGCHCC) had discussed and endorsed the arrangements of the above partitioning scheme, including the implementation date and time session; and
 - (5) It was requested that the department provides renting information of the Multi-purpose Hall of Yuen Long Town East Community Hall on different days for Members' reference.
25. Mr HO Kwai-hung, Barry gave a consolidated reply as follows:
- (1) For safety reasons, the electric folding partition panels of Yuen Long Town East Community Hall Multi-purpose Hall would not be operated during opening sessions or during use by groups, therefore the pilot scheme on partitioning would be pre-set on selected days;
 - (2) The department had referred to the practice of the pilot scheme on partitioning implemented earlier at Tin Fai Road Community Hall and the renting situation of the relevant venue before making the recommendation for implementation on Wednesdays other than public holidays;

- (3) For more than half a year since the start of service, the utilisation rate of Yuen Long Town East Community Hall Multi-purpose Hall had been rising. The utilisation rate in December 2017 was over 70%. It was expected that the rate would continue to rise further. Therefore, there was a need to implement the above pilot scheme to meet the needs of residents in the district; and
- (4) The above recommendation was supported by WGCHCC. It was suggested that DFMC endorses the above pilot scheme on partitioning first, and implements the scheme on Wednesdays other than public holidays. The department would provide DFMC with the utilisation data of the Multi-purpose Hall after the meeting. If Members had different opinions, the department would be willing to make corresponding cooperation.

26. The Chairman concluded that after the department has provided the renting data of Yuen Long Town East Community Hall Multi-purpose Hall, the pilot scheme would continue to be discussed and a decision would be made on the implementation date.

(Post-meeting notes: The Secretariat had consulted the views of Members on 24 April 2018 by circulation of papers on the Pilot Scheme on Partitioning of the Multi-purpose Hall in Yuen Long Town East Community Hall.)

Item 7: Opening the conference room in Yuen Long Town East Community Hall on a trial basis for meetings held by owners' corporations/management committees in the district
(DFMC Paper No. 21/2018)

27. Mr HO Kwai-hung, Barry briefly introduced the above paper.
28. Members' views were summarised as follows:
 - (1) It was pointed out that WGCHCC had discussed and endorsed the above trial opening scheme, and it was hoped more DFMC Members would join the working group to participate in the discussion and propose suggestions;
 - (2) Members supported the above trial opening scheme, and enquired about whether the scheme is applicable to villages near Yuen Long Town East Community Hall;

- (3) It was suggested allowing the owners' corporations/management committees to flexibly choose the renting sessions to match the time of holding their meetings;
- (4) It was enquired whether there would be charges for the above trial opening scheme;
- (5) It was pointed out that it should not only reserve the venue for owners' corporations or management committees in the district, and it was proposed that service targets of the scheme should be changed to registered societies in Yuen Long District; and
- (6) It was hoped that Yuen Long District Office (YLDO) would make it clear that the above scheme only allows the owners' corporations and management committees in the district to make a single rental.

29. Mr HO Kwai-hung, Barry gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (1) The department had responded to the appeals of Members in implementing the above trial scheme to provide conference venue to the owners' corporations/management committees in the district, especially those of single-block buildings;
- (2) The above trial scheme could facilitate interested owners' corporations and management committees in the district to submit applications to YLDO during the first seven days of the month before the date of hire; and
- (3) The above trial opening scheme would be reviewed and improved according to the actual implementation.

30. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper and endorsed opening the conference room in Yuen Long Town East Community Hall on a trial basis for meetings by owners' corporations/management committees in the district.

Item 8: Report on utilisation under the scheme on “Extension of Opening Hours for Community Halls/Community Centres in Yuen Long District” and funding applications for 2018-19
(DFMC Paper No. 22/2018)

31. Mr HO Kwai-hung, Barry briefly introduced the above paper.

32. Some Members appreciated that YLDO had made its best efforts in handling the work and called upon Members of DFMC to join the WGCHCC.

33. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper and endorsed an allocation of \$35,646 to subsidize the scheme on the “Extension of Opening Hours for Community Halls/Community Centres in Yuen Long District” for 2018-19.

Item 9: Consolidated report on the recreation and sports activities to be held in Yuen Long District and the management of facilities by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) (March 2018 Issue)
(DFMC Paper No. 23/2018)

34. Ms LUNG Lai-seung, Wendy briefly introduced the above paper.

35. Members’ views were summarised as follows:

- (1) It was suggested increasing holding the “Participation In Rural Sports” to promote rural sports activities to all villages in Yuen Long;
- (2) It was suggested that the department should consider planting plants with longer flowering period in the roadside hanging flowerpots so as to reduce the frequency of plant replacements;
- (3) Members appreciated the beautiful golden trumpet trees planted near Tin Shui Wai Ginza Plaza which effectively beautified the environment; and
- (4) Members appreciated LCSD for planting different flowers in Tin Tsz Garden.

36. Ms LUNG Lai-seung, Wendy responded that the department would consider increasing the number of rural activities according to the effectiveness of the activities. Regarding the greening project, the department would draw on the views put forth by Members to review the selection of plant species and the allocation of related resources.

37. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper.

Item 10: Report on the public library extension activities organised by LCSD and usage of public libraries in Yuen Long District
(DFMC Paper No. 24/2018)

38. Ms KWAN Yuen-mei, Rica briefly introduced the above paper.
39. Members suggested setting up a mobile library near Yuen Long Town East.
40. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper, and asked LCSD to note Members' suggestions.

Item 11: Report on the cultural and entertainment programmes organised by LCSD in Yuen Long District as well as the utilisation rate of Yuen Long Theatre

(DFMC Paper No. 25/2018)

41. Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine briefly introduced the above paper.
42. Members' views were summarised as follows:
- (1) As there would be a variety show at Tin Tsz Estate Roman Plaza on 5 May 2018 at 7:30 p.m., it was suggested that LCSD should change the time to 8 p.m. in order to attract more audiences;
 - (2) It was pointed out that many elderly people needed to stand up to watch free entertainment programmes in the district. It was suggested that LCSD should provide seats for the public to watch the shows; and
 - (3) As the date of the Chinese folk song and dance performance to be held at Grandeur Terrace Central Plaza is a public holiday (1 April 2018), it was hoped that LCSD could adjust the date of the event to allow more audiences to participate and enjoy the programme.
43. Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine responded that she would follow up with Members after the meeting.
44. The Chairman asked LCSD to follow up Members' views and suggested that LCSD should consider arranging the performing groups to play music before the events in order to attract more audiences.
45. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper.

Item 12: Any other business

46. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:40 p.m.

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