

**Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee
under the Yuen Long District Council in 2019**

Date: 5 July 2019 (Friday)

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Yuen Long District Council, 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-chairman: Mr TANG Cheuk-yin	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
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
Ms CHAN Sze-ching	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	10:30a.m.	End of the meeting
Mr CHOW Wing-kan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr KWOK Hing-ping	10:35a.m.	End of the meeting
Mr KWOK Keung, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr LAI Wai-hung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr LAU Kwai-yung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr LEUNG Fuk-yuen	Beginning of the meeting	11:10a.m.
Mr LEUNG Ming-kin	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting

Mr LUI Kin, MH	Beginning of the meeting	11:05a.m.
Mr LUK Chung-hung, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms MA Shuk-yin	11:00a.m.	End of the meeting
Mr MAK Ip-sing	11:50a.m.	End of the meeting
Mr SHUM Ho-kit, JP	Beginning of the meeting	10:50a.m.
Mr SIU Long-ming, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr TANG Che-keung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
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 TO Ka-lun	10:30a.m.	End of the meeting
Mr WONG Cheuk-kin, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr WONG Wai-ling	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr WONG Wai-shun, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr YIU Kwok-wai, MH	Beginning of the meeting	11:25a.m.
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
Ms LO Fung-sun, Grace	Liaison Officer-in-charge (R4), Yuen Long District Office
Ms LAM Pui-fun, Maggie	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)8, 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 Sau-kuen, Sarah	Manager (NTW), Marketing & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr. CHIU Ching-ngai, Vincent	Senior Estate Surveyor/West, District Lands Office, Yuen Long

Item II

Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva	Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department
Mr CHU Chi-yan	Liaison Manager, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited

Item V

Mr HO Kwai-hung, Barry	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Yuen Long District Office
Mr LAM Man-kin, Andy	Executive Officer (Community Affairs), Yuen Long District Office

Ms. LAI Mo-yi

Housing Mgr (Yuen Long 6) Housing Department

Item VI(2)

Mr. WONG Chi-kin

Maint Asst Insp of Works/YL(W)2, Highways
Department

Absence

Mr. CHEUNG Muk-lam

Mr. TANG Cheuk-him

Mr. TANG Yung-yiu, Ronnie (Absent due to other commitments)

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Opening Remarks

Welcoming members and government department representatives to the meeting, and the presence of Mr. CHIU Ching-ngai, Vincent, Senior Estate Surveyor/West of the Yuen Long District Lands Office. Ms. WONG Sau-kuen, Sarah, Manager (NTW), Marketing & District Activities of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department was attending the meeting on behalf of Ms. LAM Pui-yin, Gloria, Senior Manager (NTW) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, who was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

2. Congratulations to Mr. YIU Kwok-wai, MH and Mr. WONG Cheuk-kin, MH for the Medal of Honor, and Ms. MA Shuk-yin and Mr. LAU Kwai-yung for the Chief Executive Community Service Award.

3. Mr. TANG Yung-yiu, Ronnie was absent due to other commitments.

Item I: Confirmation of the minutes of the third meeting in 2019

4. The Chairman concluded that the minutes of the above meeting were confirmed unanimously.

Item II : Progress report on District Minor Works (DMW) Programme (projects proposed by District Council Members) (DFMC Paper No. 33/2019)

5. In addition to permanent departmental representatives, the Chairman welcomed the following persons to the meeting:

Home Affairs Department

Architect (Works)5

Ms. HUI Ka-wai, Minerva

Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited

Liaison Manager

Mr. CHU Chi-yan

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

(1) “Construction of Sitting-out Area at Shan Ha Tsuen” (YL-DMW209)

- Home Affairs Department Ms. HUI Ka-wai, Minerva reported that the project tender was approved on 4th July, 2019; and
- The Chairman said that the project had been a long-awaited project for the residents. It was hoped that the department would appoint contractor to put up

fences and post notices around the project site to inform residents that the project is about to commence.

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

- Members inquired about the progress of the project; and
- Ms. HUI Ka-wai, Minerva replied that the department was waiting for the response from MTR. The latest project estimate was expected to be reported to members at the next meeting if the procedures went smoothly and tender would be put out afterward.

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

- An enquiry was made about the progress of the project; and
- Ms. HUI Ka-wai, Minerva replied that although the underground pipelines at the construction site were more complicated than expected and the foundation design of the project had been altered, the project progress went smoothly in general and the progress was in line with expectations.

(4) **“Construction of a Sitting-out Area near the Pavilion at Tai Tong Shan Road, Yuen Long” (YL-DMW306)**

- Members urged the department to launch the project as early as possible. Constructing the sitting-out area could ease the flow of hundreds of thousands of red leaves viewers each year, to reduce traffic congestion in the area, to alleviate the impact on the residents in the district and provide a place for visitors to stop off for a rest.

(5) **“Construction of a Sitting-out Area near the Pavilion at Tai Tong Shan Road, Yuen Long”**

- Members indicated that the project was initiated many years ago and expressed dissatisfaction that it was still at the stage of preliminary study; and
- Ms. HUI Ka-wai, Minerva replied that the results of the preliminary study of the project would be reported to the committee at the next meeting.

(6) **“Construction of Covered Walkway in Tin Shui Wai District (Phase 2)”**

- Ms. HUI Ka Wai, Minerva reported that according to the preliminary study conducted by consultancy company, the estimated costs of the “Construction of Covered Walkway from the Junction of Tin Kwai Road and Tin Lung Road to Tin Shing Road” project was about \$18.47 million, the “Construction of Covered Walkway from Tin Ching Estate to Light Rail Tin Yuet Station, Tin Shui Wai” project was about \$9.16 million, the "Construction of Covered Walkway from Light Rail Tin Yiu Station to Tin Yiu Plaza, Tin Shui Wai" was about \$13.36 million. Members were invited to approve conducting a feasibility study for the aforesaid three projects by commissioning a consultant company;

- Members favoured the covered walkway projects to provide residents with a more comfortable living environment;
- An enquiry was made about the progress of the "Construction of Covered Walkway from Light Rail Tin Fu Station to Tin Fu Estate Entrance/Exit, Tin Shui Wai" project.
- A proposal of the "Construction of the Covered Walkway from the Back Gate of Tin Yau Court in Tin Fuk Road to Yiu Yat House, Tin Shui Wai" project was submitted for the Committee's discussion in October 2013. A site visit was conducted in 2014 and was followed up as the second phase of the project, an enquiry was made about the latest progress;
- Members were of the view that the estimated cost for the second phase of the covered walkway project was more expensive than the cost of the first phase, hence an explanation was requested;
- The cost of construction projects had been rising steadily in recent years, members enquired if the department have measures to control the cost of the projects and ensure that the resources would be used properly;
- Ms. HUI Ka Wai, Minerva replied that among the first phase of the projects, the estimated cost for the "Construction of Covered Walkway from Bus Stop near Yat Tam House to Grandeur Terrace Multi-storey Carpark, Tin Shui Wai" (YL-DMW213) and "Construction of Covered Walkway from Tin Yuet Estate to Tin Yuet Light Rail Station, Tin Shui Wai" (YL-DMW214) projects approved by the Committee was \$7.783 million and \$7.99 million respectively, while the length of the covered walkway was about 82 meters and about 70 meters. The estimated costs of the three second-phase projects that were currently applying to the Committee for preliminary study would need to take into account the recent increase in the cost of construction bids and the expectation on cost fluctuations in the next two years. In addition, the "Construction of Covered Walkway from Tin Ching Estate to Light Rail Tin Yuet Station, Tin Shui Wai" project required connecting from the Light Rail Tin Yuet Station to the nearby footbridges, crossings, Light Rail station staircase as well as ramp entrances and exits and so on, the area of the covered walkway was about 170 square meters. The length of the "Construction of Covered Walkway from the Junction of Tin Kwai Road and Tin Lung Road to Tin Shing Road" project was about 141 meters, which was close to doubling the length of the first phase of the project. The area that the "Construction of Covered Walkway from Light Rail Tin Yiu Station to Tin Yiu Plaza, Tin Shui Wai" project connected to the Light Rail Tin Yiu Station were rather wide and was relatively difficult to construct. The estimated costs of the projects were higher considering the length, coverage and technical factors of the three covered walkways;
- Ms. HUI Ka-wai, Minerva added that the preliminary study of the remaining second phase would need to be conducted according to resource allocation.

(7) "Construction of Basketball Court in Shui Lau Tin Tsuen, Pat Heung"

- Members said that the project had not yet made any real progress.

(8) **“Construction of Covered Walkway from Yuen Long South to Yuen Long Town”**

- Members pointed out that the aforesaid areas were full of housing estates and were highly populated. However, the traffic was inconvenient and residents needed to walk back and forth, so members urged to construct covered walkways as soon as possible to protect residents against the elements.

(9) **“Construction of Children Playground by Ha Tsuen Football Pitch”**

- Members said that the site inspection was carried out back in 2016. Concerns were raised about the sluggish progress of the project, an explanation on the progress was requested.
- Members indicated that tree problems in the project area were clearly pointed out in the meetings earlier, and relevant departments were expected to handle with the problems. The project should not be hindered by the tree problems;
- Leisure and Cultural Services Department Ms. LAM Pui-fun, Maggie said that the LCSD would expedite the implementation of the project in accordance with the order of the Committee set up; and
- Ms. HUI Ka-wai, Minerva replied that the department carried out a site inspection with the LCSD and consultancy company on 27th June, 2019. Initial observations revealed that there were numerous trees on the site. Therefore, more resources would be allocated in the preliminary study to handle the trees. In the future feasibility study, tree replanting or removal would be further studied to access how many children facilities can be accommodated in the area.

(10) **“Construction of Awnings and Benches near the Entrance of Tin Wah Estate”**

- Yuen Long District Office (“YLDO”) Ms. LO Fung-sun, Grace reported that after the consultation with the project proponent, the installment of two sets of awnings with seating had been proposed. The estimated cost was \$300,000 and requested the endorsement of funding to implement the project.
- Members enquired about the works schedule for the project, while calling for earlier commencement of construction.

(11) **“Construction of Rest Garden on Yau Chuen Street, Au tau, with Recreational and Sports Facilities and Covered Benches”**

- Members concerned that if the scope of the proposed works could not be developed due to slope management, the site would remain vacant. An enquiry was made to the Lands Office whether the allocation of the land and the maintenance of its associated slopes would be handled separately for effective use of land resources;
- Members said that the land and slopes of the works have been managed by the Lands Office. The departments applying for projects sites should not be responsible for managing the slopes. Members urged the Lands Office to examine land allocation approval policies and bear the responsibility of slopes management, in order for the departments applying for project sites to

continue carrying out the works, and land can be put to good use to provide recreational facilities for public use;

- Members requested the relevant departments to re-examine the feasibility of the site development as rest garden;
- The proponent stated that a project follow up would be made with Lands Office; and
- Yuen Long District Lands Office Mr. CHIU Ching-ngai, Vincent responded that since the slopes were connected to the project site, the government departments applying for land allocation were responsible for the management and maintenance of the connected slopes.

7. Members' views on implementation of District Minor Works (DMW) and funding were summarised as follows:

- (1) Dissatisfaction was expressed with the slow progress of DMW in the Yuen Long area. A number of DMW have been accumulated to be followed up. Some members suggested adding the "Initiative Date" column to the list of "DMW projects to be followed up" in the meeting paper to better show the progress of each project;
- (2) Members were discontented with the lack of funding for DMW in the Yuen Long District. With the delays of various DMW, the project costs had been constantly rising, making resources even tighter. The Yuen Long District had a vast territory with rapid population growth. There was also an urgent need for improvement projects in rural areas. However, many projects had been discussed for many years but had not been carried out due to resource constraints. Members suggested writing to the Chief Executive to increase the funding for DMW in the Yuen Long Area to \$100 million to enable the department to expeditiously launching a number of DMW which were closely affecting residents' livelihood. An invitation to the Chief Executive to make on-site inspections was also proposed to further understand the progress of the development of DMW in the relevant areas;
- (3) The Funding for DMW of Yuen Long area last year was about \$23 million a year, which were allocated to the minor environmental improvement programme of YLDO, the routine maintenance and replacement works of leisure facilities of the LCSD and the construction works of the relevant departments, such as rest gardens and walkways. The current funding was far from sufficient to meet the demands; and
- (4) The Chairman of the District Council and the Committee had repeatedly requested the Government to increase the funding for DMW in the Yuen Long District. However, the funding for the 2019-20 was only increased by \$500,000, which was unable to cope with the growing demand for DMW in the district.

8. The Chairman concluded as follows:

- (1) The Members had noted the above paper;
- (2) The Secretariat was asked to write to the Chief Executive on behalf of District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) about members' request to increase the DMW funding in Yuen Long District to \$100 million and invite the Chief Executive to make on-site visits in Yuen Long District;
- (3) Endorsed a reserved DMW funding of \$300,000 to implement the "Construction of Awnings and Benches near the Entrance of Tin Wah Estate" project; and
- (4) Commissioning consultancy company to carry out feasibility studies for the 3 projects - "Construction of Covered Walkway from the junction of Tin Kwai Road and Tin Lung Road to Tin Shing Road", "Construction of Covered Walkway from Tin Ching Estate to Light Rail Tin Yuet Station, Tin Shui Wai" and "Construction of Covered Walkway from Light Rail Tin Yiu Station to Tin Yiu Plaza, Tin Shui Wai".

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote to the Chief Executive on 9th July, 2019 on behalf of DFMC about the views of members and circulated the relevant letter to the members on the same day. The Home Affairs Department provided a written reply on 19th August, 2019 and the Secretariat circulated the reply letter to the members on 22nd August, 2019.)

Item III Proposals on DMW Projects submitted by Members for the consideration of DFMC
(DFMC Paper No. 34/2019)

9. Members' views were summarised as follows:

- (1) The proposed project was located beneath the bridge between Tin Yan Estate and Tin Yuet Estate. A number of sundries, garbage and dead plants were accumulated, rats were found in the area, and the hygienic situation is poor. The resurfacing of the garden in the area was suggested to improve hygiene and beautify the environment;
- (2) That area was close to shopping centres and markets and was a bustling area with many elderly people resting nearby. Members hoped to make good use of the space and proposed the increase of rest parks, fitness facilities and seatings to pedestrians and residents for leisure purposes; and
- (3) An enquiry was made about the jurisdiction of the proposed project scope. Members expected to arrange on-site inspections to further explore relevant project proposals.

10. Yuen Long District Lands Office Mr. CHIU Ching-ngai, Vincent replied that according to preliminary information, the proposed project was located within the ownership boundary of the LRT.
11. The Chairman concluded the Members had noted the above paper. The Secretariat was asked to write to the MTR after the meeting about the request for improvements on the hygiene situation of the proposed project area. The Chairman also asked the Lands Office to provide information on the land type of the proposed project area after the meeting to facilitate the feasibility of on-site inspection in the future.

(Post-meeting note: According to the information provided by the Lands Office on 15th July, 2019, the proposed project area was located within the ownership boundary of the LRT. In addition, the Secretariat wrote to the MTR on 23rd August, 2019, hoping that the MTR would improve the hygiene situation beneath the bridge between Tin Yan Estate and Tin Yuet Estate.)

**Item IV: Progress report on Minor Environmental Improvement Programme in 2019/20
(DFMC Paper No. 35/2019)**

12. Yuen Long District Office (YLDO) Mr. CHAN Sai-hung briefly introduced the paper.
13. Some members hoped that the YLDO would treat the weedy trees within the proposed project site of the "Improvement to area near lamp post no. BD1541, Tin Ha Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Ha Tsuen Heung" project (YL-DMW323) to avoid affecting the project implementation.
14. Mr. CHAN Sai-hung replied that YLDO could invite project proponents and village representatives to conduct on-site inspections before the project was launched in response to the growth of trees and to discuss proceeding with the project.
15. The Chairman concluded that the Members had noted the above paper.

**Item V: Utilisation rate of community centres/community halls in Yuen Long District
(DFMC Paper No. 36/2019)**

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

Yuen Long District Office

Senior Executive Officer (District Management)
Executive Officer (Community Affairs)

Mr. HO Kwai-hung, Barry
Mr. LAM Man-kin, Andy

Housing Department
Housing Mgr/YLG6

Ms. LAI Mo-yi

17. In view of no questions or enquiries from Members, the Chairman concluded that the Members had noted the above paper.

Item VI: Questions from Members: (1) Mr LUI Kin, MH, Mr KWOK Keung, MH, Ms WONG Wai-ling and Ms MA Shuk-yin requested that the walkway cover at Long Ngai Path, Yuen Long be renovated and repaired
(DFMC Paper No. 37/2019)

18. Members expressed appreciation to the YLDO for conducting on-site inspections and enquired about the maintenance schedule for the walkway cover at Long Ngai Path in Yuen Long while calling for commencement of the project as soon as possible.
19. Yuen Long District Office Mr. CHAN Sai-hung replied that the project was expected to commence in October 2019 if the procedures went smoothly.
20. The Chairman concluded that the Members had noted the above paper.

Questions from Members: (2) Mr LUI Kin, MH, Mr KWOK Keung, MH, Ms WONG Wai-ling and Ms MA Shuk-yin requested that the drainage at the entrance/exit of Tai Pei Tau Rest Garden near Yuen Tung House be improved
(DFMC Paper No.38/2019)

21. Welcome the following person to the meeting:

Highways Department
Maint Asst Insp of Works/YL(W)2

Mr. WONG Chi-kin

22. Members pointed out that the original drainage tunnels at the entrance/exit of Tai Pei Tau Rest Garden near Yuen Tung House were filled so the rainwater could not be diverted. As a result, a large amount of water accumulated on the road surface causing inconvenience to residents. Members said that they had contacted the Highways Department on the relevant matters. The Highways Department had arranged for the first round of improvement works to resolve the drainage problem at the relevant location. Members now hoped the Highways Department would speed up the remaining works and improve the water problem in other areas in the rest garden.

23. Highways Department Mr. WONG Chi-kin replied that contractors would be arranged as soon as possible to carry out the improvement works and would notify the relevant

members upon completion of the project.

24. The Chairman concluded that the Members had noted the above paper.

**Item VII: 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) (July 2019 Issue)
(DFMC Paper No. 39/2019)**

25. Leisure and Cultural Services Department Ms. LUNG Lai-seung, Wendy briefly introduced the paper.

26. Members' views were summarised as follows:

- (1) An enquiry was made on the location of the awnings/pavillions built by the former Territory Development Department. Considering that the funding for DMW was limited, some members thought certain non-functional awnings should be removed so the reserved funding can be used on maintenance and repair of other awnings for better use of resources;
- (2) It was hoped to invite the LCSD representatives to carry out an on site inspection at the Fung Cheung Road Garden and to discuss the location of the additional chessboard facilities in the garden to coordinate with the soon-to-be built lift entrances/exits of the nearby pedestrian bridges;
- (3) An enquiry was made on when the Yuen Long Town Cycling Entry/Exit Hub Project to be completed and the connection arrangements with the adjacent cycle tracks;
- (4) An enquiry was made on the pilot scheme "Opening the non-peak hours of designated sports centres for individual bookings for other new sports activities" and whether the reservation period was the same as the current reservation service within 10 days. Some members expressed support for the plan and believed that could provide training venues for new sports such as dodgeball;
- (5) The basic facilities of the Yeung Uk San Tsuen rest area had shown signs of aging. It was hoped that members would support to the improvement works carried out at the site;
- (6) The air-conditioning system of the Long Ping Sports Centre often malfunctioned, and the LCSD was expected to follow up with the relevant issues;
- (7) The LCSD was advised to reference to a practice done in other districts by adding Yuen Long District logo onto the roadside hanging flowerpots; and

- (8) Members thought that the “Abundant Food & Clothing” landmark on Yau San Street in Yuen Long had not been properly maintained and urged relevant departments to follow up.

27. Ms. LUNG Lai-seung, Wendy gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (1) In the future, when the refurbishment works would be carried out for the awnings constructed by the former Territory Development Department, shading film would be added according to the location and feasibility of the awnings to ensure their shading function. The LCSD also welcomed members' proposals for removing on low-usage awnings;
- (2) The location of the chessboard tables to be added to the Fung Cheung Road Garden would not affect the entrance/exit of the adjacent lifts. The LCSD was willing to conduct on-site inspections with relevant members for further discussion;
- (3) The construction of the bicycle training range and related facilities in the Yuen Long Town Cycling Entry/Exit Hub had been substantially completed. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department was currently conducting on-site maintenance works. The venue was expected to be open to the public from the end of September to early October 2019 if the procedures went smoothly.
- (4) The Long Ping Sports Centre would carry out refurbishment works in phases. The LCSD would contact relevant departments to check the operation of the air-conditioning system and make appropriate follow-up actions;
- (5) The logo design of the roadside hanging flowerpots would be reserved for discussion and endorsement by the committee in the future; and
- (6) The venue reservation of the pilot scheme "Opening the non-peak hours of designated sports centres for individual bookings for other new sports activities" was the same as the current reservation arrangement, providing booking service within 10 days.

28. The Chairman concluded as follows :

- (1) The Members had noted the above paper. ;
- (2) The Secretariat was to write to the Hong Kong Housing Society after the meeting about the request on improvement of the maintenance of the “Abundant Food & Clothing” landmark on Yau San Street in Yuen Long;

- (3) Endorsed reserved DMW funding \$608,000 to implement the lighting system improvement works of the "Tin Shui Wai Park" and the "Yeung Uk San Tsuen Rest Area"; and
- (4) Endorsed naming the newly completely site at Yuen Long Long Wo Road near MTR Yuen Long Station as "Yuen Long Town Cycling Entry/Exit Hub".

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote to the Hong Kong Housing Society on 26th August, 2019 requesting routine cleaning and maintenance at the "Abundant Food & Clothing" landmark on Yau San Street in Yuen Long.)

Item VIII: Report on the public library extension activities organised by LCSD and usage of public libraries in Yuen Long District
(DFMC Paper No. 40/2019)

29. Leisure and Cultural Services Department Ms. KWAN Yuen-mei, Rica briefly introduced the paper and reported that the Long Shin Estate Mobile Library Service Station was officially put into service on 21st June, 2019.

30. Members' views were summarised as follows:
 - (1) It was proposed to extend the service hours of the Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library on Sunday to allow more time for the public to enjoy library services;
 - (2) Members believed that a lot of residents might not be aware of the pilot scheme for extending the opening hours of the library. It was hoped that the LCSD would launch the scheme again to enable more residents to learn about the scheme and extend the hours for library services; and
 - (3) Considering the impact of electronic products on children's vision health, members believed it was better to read a physical book than to read an electronic book. Also, an enquiry was made on whether the LCSD would consider introducing an e-book reader to reduce the impact of reading e-books on readers' vision.

31. Ms KWAN Yuen-mei, Rica gave a consolidated reply as follows:
 - (1) The LCSD had previously implemented a pilot scheme to extend the opening hours of the library. The opening hours of the Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library on Sunday was extended from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. After reviewing the effectiveness of the pilot scheme, it was found that the average hourly usage rate during extended periods was lower than the same period on weekdays and Saturdays, and the usage rate at 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. was even lower. The LCSD noted the views of the members and would consider them altogether when reviewing the library services and facilities in the future;

- (2) The LCSD would continue conducting research on various aspects, including the use of technology to explore the feasibility of extending service hours. The Department was planning to develop a "smart library system" that included the full application of radio frequency identification technology in all libraries in order to provide more versatile self-service facilities for the public, explore ways to extend opening hours in a more cost-effective and sustainable manner and continue to optimize and enhance library services;
- (3) The LCSD was also actively promoting e-reading, in line with social trends and readers' habits, so that readers can read e-books and browse electronic databases through websites or mobile phones, and enjoy library services that are not subject to geographical and time constraints; and
- (4) While promoting e-reading, the LCSD would also enhance the services of physical libraries, including the provision of better library services through the relocation of the Yuen Long Public Library.

32. The Chairman concluded that the Members had noted the above paper.

Item IX: 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. 41/2019)

33. Leisure and Cultural Services Department Ms. WONG Sau-kuen, Sarah briefly introduced the paper.

34. Members' views were summarised as follows:

- (1) The district free entertainment programmes held at Ma Tin Tsuen basketball court was recommended changing to integrated performances in place of Cantonese opera (Cantonese Opera Highlights) to avoid repeating the last performance.
- (2) It was pointed out that the district free entertainment programmes at Shap Pat Heung Tung Tau Tsuen Plaza was a magic show which the members found rather monotonous. Members hoped that other performances could be included to enrich the programmes; and
- (3) Members believed that the publicity work on district free entertainment programmes could be enhanced, such as posting posters on the YLDO bulletin board.

35. Ms. WONG Sau-kuen, Sarah gave a consolidated reply that the LCSD was aware

of the views of the members and would convey to the Community Programmes Office the advice of the members on the programme arrangement and publicity work. The LCSD would examine the variety and content of free entertainment programmes in relevant districts.

(Post-meeting note: The Community Programmes Office of LCSD was informed of the advices and adjusted the entertainment programmes at Ma Tin Tsuen Basketball Court and Shap Pat Heung Tung Tau Tsuen Plaza to an integrated performance.)

36. The Chairman concluded that the Members had noted the above paper.

Item X: Any other business: (1) Progress report of the Working Group on the Works Progress of Tin Shui Wai North Swimming Pool

37. The Chairman suggested leaving the progress report of the “Working Group on the Works Progress of Tin Shui Wai North Swimming Pool” to the next meeting.

38. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:30 p.m.

Yuen Long District Council Secretariat
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