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Minutes of the Third Meeting of Yuen Long District Council in 2021

Date: 29 June 2021 (Tuesday)
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.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 WONG Wai-yin, Zachary	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Vice Chairman : Mr MAK Ip-sing	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Members : Mr AU Kwok-kuen	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHAN King-lun, Kisslan	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Ms CHAN Mei-lin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHAN Shu-fai	(1:45 p.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Ms CHAN Sze-nga	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHEUNG Chi-yeung, Felix	(10:10 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin	(10:55 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHING Chan-ming	(Beginning of the meeting)	(12:05 p.m.)
Mr FONG Ho-hin	(10:10 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr HAU Man-kin	(12:15 p.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr HO Wai-pan	(Beginning of the meeting)	(12:35 p.m.)
Mr KWAN Chun-sang	(10:30 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr KWOK Man-ho	(10:10 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr KWONG Chun-yu	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LAI Kwok-wing, Samuel	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Ms LAI Po-wa	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LAI Wing-tim	(Beginning of the meeting)	(12:05 p.m.)
Mr LAM Chun	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LAM Ting-wai	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LEE Chun-wai	(10:30 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LEE Wai-fung, Deco	(10:25 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LEUNG Tak-ming	(10:20 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LI Chung-chi	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr MAN Fu-wan, BBS	(10:25 a.m.)	(11:45 a.m.)
Mr MAN Mei-kwai, Jimmy	(Beginning of the meeting)	(10:35 a.m.)
Mr MO Kai-hong	(11:30 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr NG Hin-wang	(10:10 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Ms NG Yuk-ying	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr SHEK King-ching	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr SHUM Ho-kit, JP	(10:10 a.m.)	(11:15 a.m.)
Mr TANG Che-keung	(Beginning of the meeting)	(10:10 a.m.)
Mr TANG Ka-leung	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:45 a.m.)
Mr TANG Lai-tung	(10:15 a.m.)	(11:30 a.m.)
Mr TANG Sui-man	(Beginning of the meeting)	(10:45 a.m.)
Mr TANG Yung-yiu, Ronnie	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:45 a.m.)
Ms WONG Wing-sze	(10:35 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr YOUNG Ka-on	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:45 a.m.)

Secretary : Ms PANG Ka-fong, Cindy Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Yuen Long District Office
Assistant Secretary : Ms WONG Man-ting, Mandy Executive Officer I (District Council),
Yuen Long District Office

In Attendance

Mr WU Tin-yau, Gordon, JP District Officer (Yuen Long)
Mr NG Lak-sun, Nixon Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long) 1
Miss KWONG Hoi-ying, Rachel Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long) 2
Mr HUEN Yeuk-hon, John Senior Liaison Officer (1), Yuen Long District
Office
Ms CHUI Po-ling, Polly Senior Liaison Officer (2), Yuen Long District
Office
Ms OR Lai-kum, Christina Senior Liaison Officer (3), Yuen Long District
Office
Mr LAM Chi-keung, Desmond Chief Engineer/West 1, Civil Engineering and
Development Department
Ms CHUI Shuk-may, Alena Chief School Development Officer (Yuen Long),
Education Bureau
Ms HO Yuen-man, Jacqueline District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent
(Yuen Long), Food and Environmental
Hygiene Department
Mr HO Chun-chung, Eric District Commander (Yuen Long), Hong Kong
Police Force
Mr CHEUNG Lai-ki, Kelvin Police Community Relations Officer (Yuen Long),
Hong Kong Police Force
Mr WONG Pui-chun Chief Manager/Management (Tuen Mun & Yuen
Long), Housing Department
Ms CHAN Ching-han, Peggy District Lands Officer (District Lands Office,
Yuen Long), Lands Department
Mr SHIU Wai-ming Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands
Office, Yuen Long), Lands Department
Ms LO Lai-fong, Jackie Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories North),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr YAU Sai-yuen District Leisure Manager (Yuen Long), Leisure
and Cultural Services Department
Mr YUEN Shing-yip, Kepler District Planning Officer (Tuen Mun & Yuen
Long West), Planning Department
Miss CHAN Lai-chu District Social Welfare Officer (Yuen Long),
Social Welfare Department
Ms YUEN Miu-chun, Christine Chief Transport Officer (New Territories North
West), Transport Department

Item III

Mr CHAN Ka-ho, Benjamin Chief Engineer/Railway Development 2-1,
Railway Development Office, Highways
Department
Mr WONG Ching-piu, Kenneth Senior Engineer/Railway Schemes (5),
Railway Development Office, Highways
Department

Mr YAU Wai-chung, Tony	Engineer/Railway Schemes (9), Railway Development Office, Highways Department
Mr FUNG Wai-chung Mr MAN Ka-yue	Project Manager, MTR Corporation Limited Project Communication Manager, MTR Corporation Limited
Mr LEE Kit-fung, Peter	Senior Engineer/14 (West), West Division (3), West Development Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department

Absence

Mr HONG Chin-wah	(Absent with apologies)
Mr TANG Ho-nin, MH	(Absent with apologies)

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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and department representatives to the third meeting of the Yuen Long District Council (“YLDC”) in 2021.

2. The Chairman said in view of the development of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) and to reduce the risk of virus transmission in the community, attendees must comply with the anti-epidemic measures implemented by the YLDC Secretariat when entering or staying at District Council (“DC”) venues, such as staying in the seat designated by the Secretariat as far as practicable, wearing a mask and keeping appropriate social distance. Moreover, no tea service would be provided in the meeting.

3. Mr HONG Chin-wah and Mr TANG Ho-nin, MH were absent with apologies.

Item I: Confirmation of the agenda

4. The Chairman announced that the agenda of this meeting was confirmed.

Item II: Confirmation of minutes of the fourth YLDC meeting in 2020 on 12 May 2020, the special meeting on 5 June 2020, the fifth meeting in 2020 on 30 June 2020 and the sixth meeting in 2020 on 1 September 2020

5. The Chairman decided that the minutes concerned would be confirmed at the next meeting.

Item III: Briefing on the Hung Shui Kiu Station project (YLDC Paper No. 29/2021)

6. The Chairman asked Members to refer to Paper No. 29 and welcomed the following representatives from the Highways Department (“HyD”), the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) and the MTR Corporation Limited (“MTRCL”) to the meeting.

Chief Engineer/Railway Development 2-1, HyD	Mr Benjamin CHAN
Senior Engineer/Railway Schemes (5), HyD	Mr Kenneth WONG
Engineer/Railway Schemes (9), HyD	Mr Tony YAU

Senior Engineer/14 (West), CEDD
Project Manager, MTRCL
Project Communication Manager, MTRCL

Mr Peter LEE
Mr FUNG Wai-chung
Mr MAN Ka-yue

7. The Chairman invited relevant department representatives to brief Members on the paper.
8. Mr Benjamin CHAN of the HyD briefed members on the latest update of the Tuen Ma Line (“TML”) Hung Shui Kiu Station project with a PowerPoint presentation.
9. The Vice Chairman welcomed the Government’s plan to build Hung Shui Kiu Station to meet the future transport needs of the residents in Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area (“NDA”), but he was worried that passengers would find it more difficult to board at Tin Shui Wai Station and Yuen Long Station during peak hours after the completion of Hung Shui Kiu Station. Also, he enquired about the transport arrangements to be made to facilitate the access of Hung Shui Kiu Station by residents from Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen NDA and expressed concern over the risk of settlement during construction of Hung Shui Kiu Station.
10. While in favour of the construction of Hung Shui Kiu Station, Mr Felix CHEUNG had reservations about its site location being on the fringe of Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen NDA. He was worried about future transport arrangements not being able to provide residents with easy access to Hung Shui Kiu Station, and called on the Government to facilitate the provision of feeder transport during peak hours.
11. Mr KWONG Chun-yu said, according to the project proposal of the MTRCL, the capital cost estimate of Hung Shui Kiu Station was around \$4.1 billion (in December 2018 prices). He asked the Government to undertake that the project would not incur cost overruns or involve quality issues. Also, he enquired whether the Government would subsidise the capital cost of the Hung Shui Kiu Station project by providing land to the MTRCL for property development. In addition, he enquired why the completion of Hung Shui Kiu Station had now been delayed to 2030 despite the completion time estimated by the Government in the Railway Development Strategy 2014 to be 2024.
12. Mr LI Chung-chi was worried that the addition of Hung Shui Kiu Station to the TML would make it more difficult for passengers to board at downstream stations such as Kam Sheung Road Station. He proposed that the MTRCL regularise special departures between Tin Shui Wai Station and Hung Hom Station to ease passenger flow.
13. Mr Ronnie TANG enquired whether enough park-and-ride spaces would be provided at Hung Shui Kiu Station to encourage the use of public transport.
14. Speaking in favour of the Hung Shui Kiu Station project, Mr TANG Ka-leung suggested the Government should expedite consultation with Ha Tsuen Rural Committee to collect views from villagers and stakeholders. Also, he relayed that many Ha Tsuen villagers suggested the station be named “Ha Tsuen Station” and hoped the Government could consider the suggestion.

15. Mr AU Kwok-kuen enquired about the transport arrangements to be made before the completion of Hung Shui Kiu Station in 2030 to cope with the needs of residents travelling between Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen NDA and urban areas. He called on the Government to require provision of public bicycle parking spaces by the MTRCL on its premises and allocate land next to Hung Shui Kiu Station for public housing development.
16. Mr Kisslan CHAN enquired about the platform design of Hung Shui Kiu Station and the coverage of noise barriers thereof. He also proposed installation of lifts at all exits/entrances of Hung Shui Kiu Station.
17. Mr LEUNG Tak-ming enquired whether the media coverage about the proposal to connect Hung Shui Kiu Station with Lantau East and Qianhai was true. Also, he enquired how many platforms there would be at Hung Shui Kiu Station and whether there would be solar panel installed for generating electricity and covered public parking spaces for bicycles. In addition, he enquired what transport arrangements would be made to facilitate the access of Hung Shui Kiu Station by residents from the South of Castle Peak Road.
18. Ms CHAN Mei-lin said passengers had difficulty in boarding at Tin Shui Wai Station and Yuen Long Station during peak hours and the existing service level of the MTRCL could hardly meet the transport needs arising from the new population intake. She suggested the MTRCL procure new trains to increase its carrying capacity.
19. Ms CHAN Sze-nga enquired about the maximum number of people to be accommodated by the platforms and concourse of Hung Shui Kiu Station per hour. She suggested the Government conduct public consultation on the Hung Shui Kiu Station project to listen to people's views.
20. Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin enquired about the maximum train frequency possible for the TML during morning peak hours and the impact on the carrying capacity of the TML after the commissioning of Hung Shui Kiu Station. In addition, he proposed building a spare platform at Hung Shui Kiu Station for operating special departures from en-route stops to ease passenger flow.
21. Mr Samuel LAI enquired of the CEDD about the progress of the Study on Environmentally Friendly Transport Services in Hung Shui Kiu. He also enquired whether the Government would make a holistic planning for the Hung Shui Kiu Station project and the environmentally friendly transport services together.
22. Noting that downstream passengers would have greater difficulty in boarding after the intake of new population from NDA in Yuen Long, the Chairman enquired what measures the MTRCL had to address the issue. He proposed the Government fully utilise the space under the viaducts of Hung Shui Kiu Station, such as providing a jogging track, a cycling track or sitting-out facilities. In addition, he proposed building a footbridge to connect Hung Shui Kiu Station to the commercial and residential areas nearby and extending the environmentally friendly transport services to Hung Shui Kiu Station. Lastly, he enquired whether any public transport interchanges would be provided near Hung Shui Kiu Station.

23. A consolidated response provided by Mr Benjamin CHAN of the HyD was as follows:
- (1) Hung Shui Kiu Station of the TML would meet the future transportation demand of Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen NDA and its adjacent communities, facilitating the travelling of residents and reducing their travelling time;
 - (2) At present, the TML could provide services at a maximum frequency of 24 train trips per hour per direction. Upon commissioning of Tuen Mun South Extension and Hung Shui Kiu Station in 2030, the MTRCL could gradually enhance the train services to a maximum frequency of 28 train trips per hour per direction by timely providing and procuring new trains based on future traffic forecasts;
 - (3) According to preliminary assessments of the MTRCL, it was estimated that the overall patronage of the TML would not exceed its design capacity after Hung Shui Kiu Station commenced operation. At the detailed planning and design stage, the MTRCL would examine suitable measures to help alleviate the boarding difficulties faced by passengers from downstream stations of the TML during peak hours;
 - (4) Based on initial information provided by the MTRCL, it was estimated that Hung Shui Kiu Station would handle more than 30 000 passengers per hour during the busiest hours upon its commissioning in 2030. The MTRCL would review the latest developments and update the forecasts at the detailed planning and design stage to ensure the station facilities could cope with the estimated patronage;
 - (5) The current location of Hung Shui Kiu Station was close to the centre of Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen NDA. The MTRCL would conduct traffic impact assessments at the detailed planning and design stage, while the CEDD was taking forward the Feasibility Study on Environmentally Friendly Transport Services in Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen NDA and adjacent areas with a view to facilitating access of residents to Hung Shui Kiu Station;
 - (6) The HyD would continue to foster communication between the MTRCL and the CEDD and co-ordinate efforts to extend environmentally friendly transport services to connect Hung Shui Kiu Station, making it more accessible to residents;
 - (7) As regards concerns over park-and-ride spaces, bicycle parking spaces, feeder transport, connectivity between footbridge and covered walkways and further utilisation of space under viaducts of the TML, the HyD would continue to co-ordinate communication between the MTRCL and relevant departments (such as the CEDD and the Transport Department), so that these matters could be given due consideration and followed up in future planning;
 - (8) In designing Hung Shui Kiu Station, the MTRCL would plan facilities such as lifts and escalators for the convenience of passengers in light of their travelling needs;
 - (9) The MTRCL should ensure that the Hung Shui Kiu Station project was implemented in compliance with the requirements of relevant environmental regulations. To this end, environmental mitigation measures would be integrated into the design and such factors as overall energy efficiency would be taken into consideration as well;
 - (10) Being a train station built on the existing viaduct of the TML, Hung Shui Kiu Station entailed complex construction works that involved building platforms on both sides of the

viaduct and a station concourse under the viaduct. If bifurcation works had to be carried out for building a spare platform, it might pose a greater risk in construction (including a possible risk to the current daily operation of the TML);

- (11) The Hung Shui Kiu Station project would be taken forward under the “ownership” approach. Under this approach, the MTRCL would be responsible for the financing, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the new railway, and would ultimately own the railway. For “financially infeasible” projects, the Government would provide funding support to bridge the funding gap. Upon receipt of the Government's funding support, the MTRCL would bear all the commercial risks associated with the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the new railway. The Government had no obligation to provide any further funding support to the MTRCL even if the future revenue of the new railway project was lower than expected. Therefore, under this approach, the MTRCL had to bear the risks associated with cost overruns of the project;
- (12) The HyD and relevant departments would carry out improvement measures and strengthen monitoring with a view to enhancing performances of new railway projects in relation to safety, quality, programme and cost control (including compliance with relevant requirements in implementation and commissioning);
- (13) The MTRCL would commission a consultancy to proceed with the detailed planning and design of Hung Shui Kiu Station and it would submit the latest estimated capital cost to the Government. In parallel, the Government would engage an independent consultancy to assess the cost-effectiveness of the project;
- (14) Based on the requirements and mechanisms of relevant departments, the MTRCL had to implement mitigation measures and monitor settlement at the construction stage, so as to prevent adverse impact on nearby facilities;
- (15) The timetable of Hung Shui Kiu Station project mentioned in the Railway Development Strategy 2014 was a tentative one. The latest planning for Hung Shui Kiu Station project was made in tandem with the overall development of Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen NDA;
- (16) In December 2020, the Government commenced the “Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads beyond 2030”. Based on the latest planning information, the Government would take forward the strategic studies by comprehensively examining the future demand for and supply of the transport infrastructure, including railways and major roads, in Hong Kong and formulate the corresponding strategies and planning after exploring the layout of railway and major road infrastructure, so as to ensure that the planning of large-scale transport infrastructure would complement the overall long-term development needs of Hong Kong. The Government would timely consult the public on the related planning; and
- (17) The Hung Shui Kiu Station project would now proceed to the detailed planning and design stage. The HyD and the MTRCL were going to maintain communication with the DCs and local communities. The DCs would be timely consulted on the matter when a detailed proposal was ready.

24. A consolidated response provided by Mr MAN Ka-yue of the MTRCL was as follows:

- (1) On 27 May this year, the Government formally invited the MTRCL to commence the

detailed planning and design for Hung Shui Kiu Station of the TML. The MTRCL thereupon invited tenders for consultancy on the corresponding detailed planning and design. To keep abreast of public concerns over the Hung Shui Kiu Station project, the MTRCL would continue to maintain liaison with the local communities and the DCs;

- (2) The MTRCL would pay close attention to the additional patronage of the TML brought about by Hung Shui Kiu Station and make flexible deployment of train services based on the actual situation. To alleviate passengers' difficulties in boarding, the MTRCL had arranged southbound morning special departures from Tin Shui Wai Station;
- (3) The MTRCL would communicate with Ha Tsuen Rural Committee on the Hung Shui Kiu Station project and maintain close liaison with local villagers. In naming a new railway station before its commencement of operation, the MTRCL would normally give consideration to such factors as its geographical location and features of community. The suggestion of naming "Hung Shui Kiu Station" as "Ha Tsuen Station" had been noted; and
- (4) In designing Hung Shui Kiu Station, the MTRCL would make it as much accessible as possible to local residents and conducive to sustainable development on the whole with the use of environmental design such as solar panels.

25. A consolidated response provided by Mr FUNG Wai-chung of the MTRCL was as follows:

- (1) In designing a new railway station, the MTRCL would bear in mind the goal to minimise carbon emissions with the use of environmental design. To reduce noise generated by trains in operation, acoustic barriers or noise-reducing devices would also be installed in appropriate places;
- (2) In designing Hung Shui Kiu Station, the MTRCL would give consideration to the overall planning and surrounding environment. As regards the suggestion to connect Hung Shui Kiu Station with footbridge and/or covered walkways, the MTRCL would discuss and work out suitable proposals with government departments responsible for the development and planning of adjacent areas, so as to make Hung Shui Kiu Station more accessible to residents;
- (3) Subject to any addition of railway station to the TML in the future, the MTRCL was going to strengthen train services further by procuring new trains and upgrading the signalling system; and
- (4) Any bifurcation along a main railway line would limit the speed of trains and conversely lengthen the total journey time.

26. Mr Peter LEE of the CEDD said stage one public consultation for the Feasibility Study on Environmentally Friendly Transport Services in Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen NDA and Adjacent Areas had been launched earlier on. The consultancy was looking at the views collected and studies were underway. DCs would be timely consulted on further findings of the studies. Also, views on extending environmentally friendly transport services to connect Hung Shui Kiu Station would be conveyed to the consultancy for consideration.

27. Mr Kepler YUEN of the Planning Department said according to the Transportation Network Concept Plan in Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan, there would be two public transport interchanges provided near Hung Shui Kiu Station, with one at the commercial and residential development area in the east and the other at the commercial area in the west.

28. In conclusion, the Chairman requested relevant government departments consult the DCs should there be further design details and information on the Hung Shui Kiu Station project. He also suggested relevant departments conduct local consultation for the public to express their views.

Matters Arising

Item IV: Question raised by Members: Mr LEE Chun-wai, Mr MAK Ip-sing, Mr KWONG Chun-yu, Ms CHAN Mei-lin, Mr TO Ka-lun*, Mr Kisslan CHAN, Mr SHEK King-ching, Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin, Mr FONG Ho-hin, Mr Samuel LAI, Mr LAM Ting-wai, Mr SZETO Pok-man*, Mr LEUNG Tak-ming, Mr CHAN Shu-fai, Mr Felix CHEUNG, Mr AU Kwok-ken, Mr HAU Man-kin, Mr HO Wai-pan, Mr NG Hin-wang, Ms NG Yuk-ying, Ms LAI Po-wa, Mr LAM Chun, Ms CHAN Sze-nga, Mr Deco LEE, Mr NG Kin-wai*, Mr HONG Chin-wah, Mr KWOK Man-ho, Mr KWAN Chun-sang, Mr WONG Pak-yu*, Mr MO Kai-hong, Mr LI Chung-chi and Ms WONG Wing-sze proposed to discuss “Suggestion to launch a YLDC live streaming channel with DC funds”
(YLDC Paper No. 107/2020)

29. The Chairman asked Members to refer to Paper No. 107 and invited them to speak on the issue. He enquired of the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) about the progress of relevant issue.

30. Mr LEUNG Tak-ming wished to see the HAD send a representative to the meeting to explain the stance of the Government on YLDC’s live streaming arrangements.

31. Mr Gordon WU, JP, District Officer (Yuen Long) said there were no further replies from the HAD. He said the operation of DCs was already fairly transparent now. Members of the public might not only obtain various types of information from the DC websites (such as agendas, papers, audio recordings and minutes of meeting), but also observe these meetings. When important issues were discussed at the DCs, they would receive extensive reporting by the media, including television and electronic media. He said Members’ views would be relayed to the HAD.

Discussion Items

Item V: Question raised by Member: Ms CHAN Sze-nga proposed to discuss “Improving the management of records of District Council’s discussions”
(YLDC Paper No. 30/2021)

32. The Chairman asked Members to refer to Paper No. 30 and invited them to speak on the issue.

33. Ms CHAN Sze-nga said there was no direct response in the written reply of the HAD to

* The Member has vacated office.

the suggestion for a uniform webpage interface for past and current DCs.

34. Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin said documents uploaded onto the DC websites were not exhaustive, hence it was rather difficult to search for past DC documents. He hoped the Government could provide a way for Members to access past DC documents.

35. The Chairman suggested compiling past DC documents in digital format and uploading them onto DC websites, and working out a timetable for the task. He said Members who had difficulty finding past DC documents could approach the Secretariat for assistance.

36. Mr FONG Ho-hin opined that the digitisation of DC documents and subsequent upload onto DC websites would facilitate the access to information by Members. Also, Members should not be required to follow the Code on Access to Information when requesting past DC documents from the Secretariat.

37. A consolidated response provided by Mr Gordon WU, JP, was as follows:

- (1) The HAD said in its reply that it would pay close attention to public request for access to past DC information and review its impact on manpower and resources. A proper balance would be struck between easy public access to DC information and appropriate utilisation of resources; and
- (2) Since all 18 DCs adopted the same webpage interface for publicising various types of DC information, any modification to it would require a holistic consideration. He would relay Members' views to the HAD.

38. Ms Cindy PANG, the Secretary, said Members and the public could make a request to the Secretariat for access to official meeting documents for DCs, their committees and working groups. She added that the Secretariat did not maintain any record of those enquiries of Members and replies from relevant departments which were not submitted via the Secretariat.

39. The Chairman said discussion of this agenda item would be continued at the next meeting.

Item VI: Question raised by Members: Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin, Mr MAK Ip-sing, Mr AU Kwok-kuen, Ms CHAN Sze-nga, Mr Felix CHEUNG, Mr KWOK Man-ho, Mr LEE Chun-wai, Mr Deco LEE, Mr LI Chung-chi, Mr MO Kai-hong, Mr NG Hin-wang, Ms NG Yuk-ying, Mr CHAN Shu-fai, Mr Samuel LAI, Mr LAM Ting-wai, Ms LAI Po-wa, Mr LAM Chun, Mr KWAN Chun-sang, Mr HAU Man-kin, Ms CHAN Mei-lin, Mr HO Wai-pan, Mr SHEK King-ching, Mr LEUNG Tak-ming and Ms WONG Wing-sze proposed to discuss "Resumption of a land parcel zoned Comprehensive Development Area at the junction of Yuen Lung Street and Yau Tin East Road in Yuen Long for development by the Development Bureau" (YLDC Paper No. 41/2021)

40. The Chairman asked Members to refer to Paper No. 41 and invited them to speak on the issue.

41. Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin said the land parcel at the junction of Yuen Lung Street and Yau Tin East Road in Yuen Long involved a piece of Tso/Tong land and since there had been no consensus reached among Tso/Tong members for the appointment of a manager, there would be no manager to handle the land resumption compensation arrangements. In view of this, he suggested government intervention. He also enquired whether the Government would consult the nearby residents on the land resumption. On a separate note, he asked the Government to prioritise the planning for Area 12, Yuen Long and proposed the area be developed into a subsidised sale flats project by the Hong Kong Housing Society.

42. The Vice Chairman relayed that nearby residents were against the development of high-density residential buildings on the land concerned and enquired about the details of the planning for it.

43. Mr Gordon WU, JP said Tso/Tong members might decide on their own who should be the manager. With a consensus, a manager might be appointed as their representative in the handling of Tso/Tong matters. The YLDO would consider and approve the appointment in accordance with the New Territories Ordinance. If Tso/Tong members failed to reach a consensus for the appointment of manager, the YLDO would be pleased to make co-ordination.

44. The Chairman said he had received an impromptu motion moved by Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin and seconded by Vice Chairman Mr MAK Ip-sing, Ms CHAN Sze-nga, Mr Felix CHEUNG, Mr HO Wai-pan, Mr Deco LEE, Mr LEUNG Tak-ming and Mr HAU Man-kin. The motion was as follows:

“This Council requests the Government should shelve the decision of resuming the land parcel at the junction of Yuen Lung Street and Yau Tin East Road first and consult nearby residents and the local community. So long as there is no planning completed and in place for the land and community facilities in Area 12, this Council opposes any residential developments at the junction of Yuen Lung Street and Yau Tin East Road.”

45. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the motion by a show of hands and open ballot. Vice Chairman Mr MAK Ip-sing, Ms CHAN Mei-lin, Ms CHAN Sze-nga, Mr Felix CHEUNG, Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin, Mr HAU Man-kin, Mr KWONG Chun-yu, Ms LAI Po-wa, Mr Deco LEE, Mr LEUNG Tak-ming, Mr LI Chung-chi, Mr MO Kai-hong, Mr NG Hin-wang, Ms NG Yuk-ying and Ms WONG Wing-sze voted in favour of the motion. Mr Kisslan CHAN and Mr Samuel LAI abstained from voting.

46. The Chairman announced that the motion was carried by an absolute majority of votes with 15 votes in favour, zero against and 2 abstentions.

47. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to send a written enquiry to the Development Bureau (“DEVB”) for details of the planning.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat sent the motion passed by the Members to the DEVB on 20 July 2021, and forwarded its reply to the Members for reference on 4 August of the same year.)

**Item VII: Question raised by Member: Mr Zachary WONG proposed to discuss “Suggestion of launching the Clean Yuen Long Campaign”
(YLDC Paper No. 42/2021)**

48. The Chairman asked Members to refer to Paper No. 42 and invited them to speak on the issue. To further improve the environmental hygiene of the district, he proposed to launch the Clean Yuen Long Campaign.

49. Mr LEUNG Tak-ming enquired about the details of previous cleaning campaigns launched by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”). He proposed the cleaning campaign be jointly launched by the FEHD and the Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) to promote waste reduction and recycling.

50. Noting that the effectiveness of previous cleaning campaigns was rather short-lived, Mr Samuel LAI proposed the Government should update the relevant hardware facilities and policies to improve community hygiene and the environment in the long run.

51. Mr AU Kwok-kuen spoke in favour of the Clean Yuen Long Campaign and drew Members’ attention to the hygiene and environmental issues in Tin Shui Path.

52. Ms Jacqueline HO of the FEHD said previous cleaning campaigns of the FEHD mainly focused on three aspects, including strengthening cleaning services, enforcement actions, and education and publicity. Distribution of leaflets and souvenirs was among the publicity efforts to promote the importance of a clean city. In addition, the FEHD was pleased to work with other government departments, including the EPD, to launch the cleaning campaign.

53. In conclusion, the Chairman announced that as Members raised no objection, it was endorsed that the Clean Yuen Long Campaign would be launched and he proposed to refer the matter to the Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture and Fisheries Committee for follow-up.

**Item VIII: Question raised by Member: Mr Zachary WONG proposed to discuss “Nomination for the Pok Oi Hospital Governing Committee Member”
(YLDC Paper No. 43/2021)**

54. The Chairman asked Members to refer to Paper No. 43 and invited them to speak on the issue. He said the Hospital Authority (“HA”) used to invite nominations from DCs to serve as members of hospital governing committees in the districts. However, the HA did not invite nominations from DCs this year for the new Pok Oi Hospital Governing Committee. He said DCs looked forward to continuing their participation in hospital governing committees of the districts. He hoped the YLDO could relay this to the HA.

55. Mr Gordon WU, JP said according to the written reply provided by the HA, hospitals would nominate professionals from different disciplines and members of local community to join their governing committees in personal capacity based on the actual needs of the governing committees. The HA also thanked the YLDC for its support to them and Pok Oi Hospital. The management of the hospital would continue to maintain liaison with the YLDC on medical services

in the district. He said the Secretariat would follow it up and relay the YLDC's views to the HA in writing.

(Post-meeting note: On 20 July 2021, the Secretariat wrote to convey Members' views to the HA and forwarded the HA's reply on 4 August of the same year to Members for their reference.)

**Item IX: Question raised by Member: Mr Zachary WONG proposed to discuss
“Arrangements for unearthing the time capsule of Yuen Long District”
(YLDC Paper No. 44/2021)**

56. The Chairman asked Members to refer to Paper No. 44 and invited them to speak on the issue. He said the time capsule of Yuen Long District was officially placed underneath the Yuen Long Park on 1 December 2001 and it was scheduled to be opened after 20 years (i.e. December 2021).

57. Ms Cindy PANG, the Secretary, said the Social Services, Housing and Publicity Committee of the YLDC endorsed the laying of time capsule of Yuen Long District in April 2001. Upon obtaining a quotation via the Secretariat, the YLDC submitted a funding application of \$48,050 to the then Finance Committee. The engagement of contractor was endorsed in August 2001 for the design and the laying of the time capsule in Yuen Long Park.

58. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to follow up on the unearthing arrangement of the time capsule, including obtaining relevant quotations and arranging for the matter to be discussed again in the YLDC's fifth meeting in 2020 to be held on 26 October 2021.

Report Matters

Item X: Progress reports of Committees

- (i) **District Facilities Management Committee (YLDC Paper No. 31/2021)**
 - (ii) **Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture and Fisheries Committee (YLDC Paper No. 32/2021)**
 - (iii) **Traffic and Transport Committee (YLDC Papers No. 33 & 34/2020)**
 - (iv) **Culture, Arts, Recreation, Sports, Welfare, Education and Public Order Committee (YLDC Paper No. 35/2021)**
 - (v) **Healthcare and Food Safety Committee (YLDC Paper No. 36/2021)**
 - (vi) **Housing, Town Planning and Development Committee (YLDC Paper No. 37/2021)**
 - (vii) **Finance and Administration Committee (YLDC Paper No. 38/2021)**
 - (viii) **Local Tourism, Economy, Industry and Commerce Committee (YLDC Paper No. 39/2021)**
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59. The Chairman asked Members to refer to the progress reports of the committees as set out in Papers No. 31 to 39.

60. Members noted the progress reports of the aforesaid committees.

Item XI: Hong Kong Police Force's report on the district's law and order situation and crime figures over the past two months

61. Mr Kelvin CHEUNG of the Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”) reported on the district's law and order situation and crime figures between February and March 2021.

62. Mr LAM Chun said that there were culprits making use of the bank accounts lent by teenagers for money laundering recently and enquired about the Police's strategy to tackle and prevent such crime.

63. The Vice Chairman hoped that the Police could protect the access right of residents by paying attention to the congestion in rural areas caused by issues such as land disputes and road access.

64. Mr KWONG Chun-yu expressed his concern that the number of telephone deceptions would surge as a result of the issue of consumer voucher by the Government, and hoped that the Police would be aware of it and prevent such crime.

65. Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin relayed that the number of burglaries had increased in proportion to the demand for delivery services and suggested that the Police enhance communication and cooperation with property management companies and security companies.

66. A consolidated response provided by Mr Eric HO of the HKPF was as follows:

- (1) The act of lending one's account to others for unlawful purposes might have constituted the offence of "Dealing with property known or believed to represent proceeds of indictable offence" (money laundering). The Police had made appeal to the public not to open bank accounts for or lend their own accounts to others to avoid breaching the law on money laundering. In this regard, the Police had embarked on publicity and education campaigns at all fronts and strengthened publicity at different educational institutions to disseminate such information to teenagers;
- (2) The Police would intervene in land dispute cases at an early stage to see if the cases involved criminal elements and prevent triad intervention. In addition, the Police would seek assistance from District Offices to co-ordinate efforts of different government departments in reviewing whether irregularities were involved in the land disputes;
- (3) The Police would remind the public to beware of consumption voucher scams through different channels and media, and update relevant publicity materials and strategies in light of social circumstances; and
- (4) The Police had stepped up patrols and ambushes. A number of suspected burglars had been arrested recently and deployment against burglaries would continue as appropriate. The Police had also enhanced its efforts in reminding building management companies to beware of strangers and adopt strict measures in visitor registration. Suggestions on plugging any security loopholes had also been provided.

Item XII: Report on the work progress of District-led Actions Scheme

67. The Chairman invited Mr Nixon NG, Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long) 1 to report on the latest progress of the District-led Actions Scheme ("DAS").

68. Mr Nixon NG introduced the DAS and its work progress.
69. Mr FONG Ho-hin enquired about the departments responsible for anti-mosquito work and grass cutting in drainage channel at Ma Tin Pok, Yuen Long. He also suggested the Government consult DC Members on suitable locations for placing the new mosquito trap.
70. The Vice Chairman expressed his concern over the unauthorised shop front extension involving non-fixed structures.
71. Mr LI Chung-chi suggested that road formation works to be carried out at Kiu Sau Path, Yuen Long to prevent pedestrians from being tripped over and thus injured because of uneven road surface.
72. Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin quoted some members of the public saying that they had disposed of the vehicles abandoned on their private land upon the request of the Lands Department (“LandsD”) but were arrested for committing burglaries after the vehicle owners reported the case to the Police. He hoped that the authorities would give an explanation for this incident.
73. A consolidated response provided by Mr Nixon NG was as follows:
- (1) Anti-mosquito work and grass cutting in drainage channel were responsible by the Drainage Services Department. As regards the locations for placing the new mosquito traps, Members were welcome to provide the locations infested with mosquitos for follow-up by the YLDO and the FEHD;
 - (2) Unauthorised shop front extension involving non-fixed structures had to be handled by relevant law enforcement agencies. Upon receipt of complaints, the YLDO would make referrals to relevant law enforcement agencies;
 - (3) Suggestion to conduct road formation works at Kiu Sau Path, Yuen Long had been noted. Members could refer their suggestions through the YLDO for follow-up by relevant departments; and
 - (4) The aim of conducting inter-departmental joint clearance operations was to remove abandoned vehicles at roadsides. Abandoned vehicles on unleased and / or unallocated government land were handled by the LandsD, and those on private land should be handled by the land owner. In respect of cases in which members of the public were arrested by the Police for the disposal of abandoned vehicles, Members were advised to provide relevant information after the meeting for follow-up by the LandsD and the Police.

Any Other Business

Item XIII: Matters relating to Members joining the Committees/Working Groups under YLDC

74. Members endorsed applications for joining or withdrawing from the Committees/Working Groups by the following Members:

Mr HONG Chin-wah withdrawing from the Traffic and Transport Committee and the District Facilities Management Committee; and

Mr AU Kwok-kuen withdrawing from the Working Group on Publicity of Yuen Long District Council, the Working Group on Markets and District Bazaars, the Working Group on the Planning and Development of Yuen Long Area 12 and Yuen Ching Road Fish Market, the Working Group on Animal Rights and the Welfare and Working Group on Age-friendly Community in Yuen Long District.

Item XIV: Invitation from the Occupational Safety and Health Council to the YLDC to participate in the Occupational Safety and Health Promotion Campaign 2021-22 (YLDC Paper No. 40/2021)

75. The Chairman asked Members to refer to Paper No. 40, which was an invitation from the Occupational Safety and Health Council (“OSHC”) to the YLDC to participate in the Occupational Safety and Health Promotion Campaign 2021-22. If Members accept the above invitation, the OSHC would offer up to HK\$40,000 in sponsorship to support the YLDC organising occupational safety and health promotional activities with organisations in the district.

76. As Members raised no objection, the Chairman announced the acceptance of the above invitation and the YLDO would identify suitable organisations in the district for launching occupational safety and health promotional activities.

Matters relating to the 26th Yuen Long Arts Festival

77. The Chairman said the YLDC had passed a motion in the second meeting of 2021 held on 27 April 2021 to jointly organise the 26th Yuen Long Arts Festival with Yuen Long Arts Committee, Yuen Long Town Hall and the YLDO, and hire two event organisers from 1 July. He had been informed earlier on by the Yuen Long Arts Committee that the 26th Yuen Long Arts Festival had been postponed due to the pandemic and the funding application for hiring two event organisers would be withdrawn.

78. The Chairman suggested allocating the reserved fund to other allocation items.

79. The Chairman announced that the meeting adjourned and thanked department representatives and Members for their attendance.

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