### Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee Yau Tsim Mong District Council (2012-2015)

**Date:** 12 September 2013 (Thursday)

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Yau Tsim Mong District Council Conference Room

4/F., Mong Kok Government Offices

30 Luen Wan Street Mong Kok, Kowloon

#### **Present:**

#### Chairman

Mr CHAN Siu-tong, MH

### Vice-chairman

Ms WONG Shu-ming

### **District Council Members**

Mr CHUNG Kong-mo, JP
Mr IP Ngo-tung, Chris
Ms KO Po-ling, BBS, MH, JP
Ms KWAN Sau-ling
Mr CHAN Wai-keung
Mr LAU Pak-kei
Mr CHOLS: 6 Project Address Ad

Mr CHOI Siu-fung, Benjamin Mr WONG Chung, John Mr CHONG Wing-charn, Francis Mr WONG Kin-san

Mr HUI Tak-leung Mr WONG Man-sing, Barry, MH Mr HUNG Chiu-wah, Derek Mr YEUNG Tsz-hei, Benny, MH

### Representatives of the Government

Ms HO Siu-ping, Betty, District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong) Home Affairs Department JP

Mr CHIU Chung-yan, Assistant District Officer (Yau Home Affairs Department Tsim Mong)

Miss LIU Suk-wa, Senior Executive Officer (District Home Affairs Department

Connie Management), Yau Tsim Mong
District Office

Ms PONG Sze-wan, Executive Officer (District Home Affairs Department

Cecilia Management)1, Yau Tsim Mong District Office

Mr YAU Chun-fai Senior Inspector of Works (Kowloon) Home Affairs Department
Mr CHEUNG Senior Manager (Kowloon West/ Leisure and Cultural Services
Kwok-wai, Alex Cultural Services) Department

Ms CHAN Wai-sum, Manager (Kowloon West) Marketing, Leisure and Cultural Services

Gloria Programme and District Activities Department
Mr WONG Tat-ming, Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong Leisure and Cultural Services

Richard West) Department

Mrs CHU LEE Senior Librarian (Yau Tsim Mong) Leisure and Cultural Services
Mei-foon, Karen Department

Mr SO Ting-lut, Vincent District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Leisure and Cultural Services Mong) Department

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| Ms YEUNG Shiu-man,<br>Brenda                 | Deputy District Leisure Manager<br>(District Support) Yau Tsim Mong  | Leisure and Cultural Services Department  |
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| In Attendance:                               |  |   |
| Mr CHEUNG Fu-yin<br>Ms CHING Ka-wai,<br>Elsa | Inspector of Works (Kowloon) 1<br>Architect (Works) 4                | Home Affairs Department<br>Home Affairs Department                              |
| Mr IP Fook-chuen,<br>Tom                     | Principal  | Tom Ip & Partners Architects,<br>Engineers & Development<br>Consultants Limited |
| Ms CHOW May-milk,<br>Milk                    | Architectural Assistant  | Tom Ip & Partners Architects,<br>Engineers & Development<br>Consultants Limited |
| Ms CHANG Yuen-ni,<br>Yvonne                  | Senior Estate Surveyor/Kowloon<br>Central                            | Lands Department  |
| Mr LI Kam-hung, Joe                          | Principal Estate Officer/Kowloon<br>West (North)                     | Lands Department  |
| Mr Eric POON                                 | General Manager, Works and Contracts                                 | Urban Renewal Authority   |
| Ms Pauline LAU                               | Senior Manager, Works and Contracts                                  | Urban Renewal Authority   |
| Ms Angel LEUNG                               | Assistant Manager, Works and Contracts                               | Urban Renewal Authority   |
| Mr PANG Tat-wing                             | District Engineer/Mong Kok   | Highways Department   |
| Mr YIP Chi-kwai, Tom                         | Senior Town Planner/Yau Tsim<br>Mong                                 | Planning Department   |
| Mr TANG Fuk-kin                              | Chief Health Inspector, Mong Kok<br>District                         | Food and Environmental<br>Hygiene Department                                    |
| Mr NG Chi-ho                                 | Health Inspector (Contract   | Food and Environmental  |
|  | Management) 1  | Hygiene Department  |
| Mr MOK York-yee,<br>Cyrus                    | Project Manager (Works), Yau Tsim<br>Mong District Office            | Home Affairs Department   |
| Ms ŠIN Kwai-lan,<br>Sandy                    | Senior Estate Surveyor/Kowloon South                                 | Lands Department  |
| Mr CHAN Man-hon,<br>Raymond                  | Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Yau Tsim Mong  | Leisure and Cultural Services Department  |
| Ms SIU Yuk-yung,<br>Donna                    | Librarian (Yau Ma Tei Public<br>Library)                             | Leisure and Cultural Services Department  |
| Mr WONG Sai-kit                              | Sergeant, Police Community<br>Relations Office (Mong Kok)            | Hong Kong Police Force  |
| Secretary Mr LUO Chung-kang, Chris           | Executive Officer (District Council) 4 Yau Tsim Mong District Office | I, Home Affairs Department  |

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#### **Absent:**

Mr CHOW Chun-fai, BBS, JP
Mr HAU Wing-cheong, BBS, MH
District Council Member
District Council Member

### **Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and representatives from government departments to the District Facilities Management Committee ("DFMC") meeting. He reported that Mr HAU Wing-cheong was absent due to sickness. He asked attendees to keep questions short and concise as there were many discussion papers. He proposed that Councillors be allowed to speak for two minutes for the first time and one minute for the second time. There was no objection.

### **Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting**

2. Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed without amendment.

# Item 2: Progress Report on District Minor Works ("DMW") Projects Led by Yau Tsim Mong District Office ("YTMDO") in 2013-2014 (as at 31 August 2013) (YTMDFMC Paper No. 50/2013)

- 3. <u>The Chairman</u> said that representatives of the Home Affairs Department ("HAD") had to leave early due to other commitments. He proposed to advance the discussion of the document presented by the YTMDO. There was no objection.
- 4. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed the following representatives from government departments and the project consultant to join Councillors in the discussion:
  - (a) Miss Connie LIU, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) and Ms Cecilia PONG, Executive Officer (District Management)1 of the YTMDO;
  - (b) Mr YAU Chun-fai, Senior Inspector of Works (Kowloon); Mr CHEUNG Fu-yin, Inspector of Works (Kowloon)1, and Ms Elsa CHING, Architect (Works) 4 of the HAD; and
  - (c) Mr Tom IP, Principal and Ms Milk CHOW, Architectural Assistant of Tom Ip & Partners Architects, Engineers & Development Consultants Limited.
- 5. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> briefly introduced the paper.

### (a) Outstanding Works Endorsed by the DFMC

- (i) Erection of Landmark at the Junction of Sai Yeung Choi Street South and Soy Street
- 6. <u>Ms Milk CHOW</u> reported that the Works Section of the HAD ("Works Section") and project consultant had conducted an on-site inspection with the relevant telecommunications service operator in July in respect of the removal of the telephone booth at the proposed site. The telecommunications service operator agreed to remove the telephone booth and expected that the removal works could be completed in late 2013. To align with the removal, the Works Section

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intended to invite tender for the landmark project in December 2013. She added that the telecommunications service operator would waive the removal cost of the telephone booth (\$177,155), and the current estimated cost for the whole project was \$1,654,000 (inclusive of the ground investigation cost).

- 7. <u>The Chairman</u> said that he had earlier received a letter from the property management company of a commercial building near the proposed site of the landmark, expressing its objection to the works project. As the DFMC had endorsed to proceed with the project in accordance with the established procedures, he would reply to the property management company that the project would be implemented.
- 8. <u>The Chairman</u> hoped that the Organising Committee on Promotion of Civic Education ("OCPCE") could organise a landmark naming competition as soon as possible to decide on a name for the landmark. He added that the Works Section would later report on other details of the landmark project. He proposed discussing other works projects first. There was no objection.

### (ii) Greening and Beautification Projects 2013-2014

- 9. <u>Miss Connie LIU</u> reported that various greening and beautification projects in the district had commenced in April. She said that the contractor was replacing plants in planters on the railings at Wylie Road, which was due for completion in mid-September. New artificial flowers would be added to the flower beds at the junction of Sai Yee Street and Soy Street shortly. In addition, three trees at Hong Tat Path had been revealed to be dangerous during tree inspection and were later removed by the contractor.
- 10. <u>Miss Connie LIU</u> added that the beautification works of the footbridge columns at Argyle Street, Waterloo Road and Cherry Street as well as the beautification works on the external walls of Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Kwong Wah Hospital were finished in July. In addition, photos with new themes had been displayed on the exhibition panels on the Mong Kong Road Footbridge ("exhibition panels") in early July and the exhibition period was expected to last until October. She asked Councillors to give suggestions on the theme and preparatory work of the next exhibition.
- 11. The Chairman said that the YTMDO did not receive any applications from the organising committees or working groups under the Yau Tsim Mong District Council ("YTMDC") for borrowing exhibition panels as at a week before the meeting. He asked whether Councillors present would like to borrow the exhibition panels for displaying photos of the activities organised by their organising committees and working groups.
- 12. <u>Mr Benny YEUNG</u> said that the Yau Tsim Mong District Youth Programme Committee would like to borrow the exhibition panels for displaying award-winning entries of a competition organised by the committee in summer. There was no objection.
- 13. <u>The Chairman</u> concluded that Councillors supported Mr Benny YEUNG's request to borrow the exhibition panels. He also welcomed Councillors to put forth proposals of borrowing the exhibition panels after the meeting.
- 14. Ms Milk CHOW reported on the progress of the landmark project in Mong Kok.
- 15. The Chairman wanted to know whether the HAD had invited tender for the landmark

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project.

- 16. <u>Ms Elsa CHING</u> responded that the telephone booth at the proposed site would be removed in late 2013. To align with the removal schedule, the Works Section intended to conduct the tender exercise in December 2013.
- 17. The Chairman asked when the landmark project was expected to complete.
- 18. <u>Ms Milk CHOW</u> responded that the project was expected to complete in August 2014.
- 19. <u>Ms Elsa CHING</u> gave a PowerPoint presentation on various illustrative designs of the landmark produced by the project consultant to show the visual effects of names with different lengths. Moreover, as indicated by the telecommunications service operator of the telephone booth, there were some underground pipelines at the proposed site which might fall outside its purview. In view of this, the Works Section proposed conducting another ground investigation. The current estimated cost of the landmark project was \$1,654,000, which was still lower than that of the originally proposed Chinese-style "pai lau".
- 20. <u>The Chairman</u> said that Councillors could decide on the name carving design only after the OCPCE had completed the landmark naming exercise.

(Mr WONG Kin-san joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

## (iii) Improvements to Wong Tai Street Sitting-out Area ("SOA") and Ivy Street SOA

21. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> reported that the improvement works of the SOAs at Wong Tai Street and Ivy Street were completed and the total expenditure was \$412,800. The two SOAs had been handed over to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") for management. Councillors agreed to delete this item.

### (iv) To Enhance Promotion of Jade Street Located on Canton Road

- 22. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> reported that the contractor had put up a stainless steel frame of the map board at the identified site in April 2013. At the DFMC meeting on 16 May 2013, a Councillor pointed out that the frame was reflective and the Works Section responded that the reflection of the frame could be reduced after the map board was installed. The Works Section conducted a site inspection subsequent to the installation. It was found that the light reflection problem did improve but there was still sunlight reflection in the afternoon. After consulting the Chairman, the YTMDO had made arrangements for the contractor to adjust the placement angle of the map board to further alleviate the light reflection problem.
- 23. The Chairman said that he had conducted a site inspection recently and found that the light reflection problem of the map board was resolved. He also said that the Hong Kong Jade Association ("HKJA") intended to donate the "Hong Kong Giant Jade Stone", the landmark at Jade Street ("the jade landmark"), to the YTMDC. He asked about the progress of the YTMDO of putting forward the suggestion to the HAD.
- 24. <u>Miss Connie LIU</u> responded that the donation of the jade landmark by the HKJA to the YTMDC was subjected to various procedures and had to be followed up with a number of

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government departments. For instance, the transfer of the land involved the Lands Department ("Lands D"), the Highways Department ("HyD") and the Transport Department ("TD") as part of the land surrounding the jade landmark had to be pedestrianised and handed to the HyD and TD for management and maintenance. She recalled that the YTMDO had conducted a site inspection to the jade landmark with the TD, HyD and HKJA. The HKJA indicated that it would make suitable arrangements if the HyD considered it necessary to repair the ground surface and the landmark. She continued that after the HKJA had submitted all the required documents, the YTMDO would pass them to the HAD for assessment.

(Mr Benjamin CHOI joined the meeting at 2:50 p.m.)

### (v) Provision of a Green Belt under Ferry Street Flyover

- 25. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> reported that the Lands D had completed the fencing works on 8 August. The platform had been paved and flower pots had been placed. The total expenditure for the above works and the feasibility study were \$1,073,000. It was suggested that this item be deleted.
- 26. <u>The Chairman</u> asked when plant growing would commence.
- 27. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> responded that the YTMDO was proceeding with the tender exercise for the work and it was estimated that plants could be planted in the green belt in mid-October or early November 2013.
- 28. <u>Mr Benny YEUNG</u> hoped the greening works under the Ferry Street Flyover could be completed as soon as possible.
- 29. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the barbed wire fence of the green belt was once found to be damaged and hoped the Police could step up patrol in the area.
- 30. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> added that the expenditure on the greening works under the Ferry Street Flyover would be included in the account under Greening and Beautification Projects 2013-2014.
- 31. Councillors agreed to delete this item.

### (b) Works Projects Endorsed in Principle by the DFMC

- (i) Provision of Rain Shelter on Pavement of Prince Edward Road West (Cheung Lo Church and Sai Yee Street Substation)
- 32. Ms Cecilia PONG said that the DFMC endorsed an allocation of \$90,000 at the meeting on 4 July 2013 for the Works Section to carry out ground investigation at the stop of Green Minibus ("GMB") route no. 12, the stop of GMB route nos. 17M and 46 at Prince Edward Road West as well as the roadside of Prince Edward Road West near the retaining wall of Queen Elizabeth School, so as to confirm the feasibility of providing a four-metre long rain shelter each at the above three locations. The Works Section had obtained the excavation permit and was arranging for ground investigation. She also reported that the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited ("KMB") was going to provide a bus stop shelter at Prince Edward Road West and she asked Mr CHEUNG Fu-yin to provide details to Councillors.
- 33. Mr CHEUNG Fu-yin reported that the KMB would provide a bus stop shelter of around 11

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metres long at the roadside of Prince Edward Road West near the Morrison Memorial Centre, which overlapped with the proposed location for a rain shelter at the stop of GMB route nos. 17M and 46.

- 34. <u>The Chairman</u> said that as the KMB would provide a bus stop shelter at the above location, the DFMC had no need to allocate funding for the provision of a rain shelter near there.
- 35. Mr WONG Kin-san was glad to see that the KMB was going to provide a bus stop shelter at the above location. He asked the government departments concerned to discuss with the KMB on the design of the bus stop shelter, lest it be incompatible with the rain shelters at the other two locations at Prince Edward Road West.
- 36. The Chairman asked if Councillors agreed to delete the stop of GMB route nos. 17M and 46 from the list of proposed locations and there was no objection. The Chairman then announced the deletion of the location. He hoped the KMB could adopt a novel and trendy design for the bus stop shelter at Prince Edward Road West.

# (ii) Provision of Canopies to GMB Stops of Routes No. 46, 70 and 78 at Junction of Sham Mong Road and Chung Wui Street

- 37. Ms Cecilia PONG indicated that the proposed site was located near the works site of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link ("XRL"). Hoardings had been put up around the works site, leaving a narrow access road in the boundary. At the meeting on 4 July 2013, the DFMC agreed to carry out ground investigation after the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") had removed the hoardings. She said that Councillors had suggested the YTMDO to write to the MTRCL enquiring the estimated completion date of the XRL and the letter was sent. The MTRCL replied that the hoardings would be removed in December 2013 and the works site would be returned to the Lands D.
- 38. Mr LAU Pak-kei indicated that the MTRCL had undertaken to perform beautification works at the XRL site, so he estimated that the Works Section could only perform ground investigation in early 2014. Moreover, he asked whether he had to re-submit the proposal of providing canopies at the proposed site after the MTRCL had returned the site to the Lands D.
- 39. <u>The Chairman</u> responded that the DFMC had approved the works project. After the MTRCL had removed the hoardings, the YTMDO and Works Section would conduct ground investigation and tender exercise. Therefore, Councillor of the constituency concerned did not need to re-submit the proposal after the site was returned to the Lands D.

### (iii) Request for Greening of Sycamore Street, Tai Kok Tsui

May 2013 the provision of planters on the railings of the section of Sycamore Street between Chung Yuen (transliteration) and Shining Heights. The YTMDO had consulted the related government departments and public utilities companies. The TD indicated that planters should not be placed on the railings within 30 metres of road junctions for the sake of road safety. Moreover, the HyD replied that giant flower pots had been placed on the road near the Fresh Fish Traders' School and PLK Vicwood K.T. Chong Sixth Form College. If planters were placed on the railings of the road, the pavement would become very narrow. The Lands D indicated that many railings along the section of Sycamore Street between Chung Yuen and Shining Heights were reserved for Legislative Councillors, District Councillors and non-profit-making organisations to display banners, therefore

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planters could not be placed there. In view of the above, the YTMDO proposed to shorten the greening section at Sycamore Street to the section between St Francis Xavier's College and Shining Heights where planters would be placed on the railings of both sides. Around five planters would be placed at the pavement near LKWFSL Lau Wong Fat Secondary School, and ten would be placed on the railing of the opposite side. Representatives of the YTMDO had conducted a site investigation with Mr LAU Pak-kei on 5 September.

- 41. Mr Francis CHONG and Mr LAU Pak-kei agreed on the proposed arrangement.
- 42. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> added that Councillor of the constituency concerned had proposed to use the green fibre planters which was currently used in the Central and Western ("C&W") District.
- 43. <u>The Chairman</u> asked whether the design of planters to be used at the section of Sycamore Street would be incompatible with others in the Yau Tsim Mong ("YTM") District if the design of the C&W District were to be used.
- 44. Mr CHEUNG Fu-yin added that the HyD's recommendations were adopted in choosing the railing planters at Wylie Road which was different from those at other locations in the YTM District. There was not only one kind of planters in the YTM District.
- 45. <u>Mr Francis CHONG</u> enquired about the price difference between the railing planters in the YTM District and those used in the C&W District.
- 46. <u>Mr CHEUNG Fu-yin</u> said that he needed time to search for information for a reply, but he added that the price also varied with the size.
- 47. The Chairman believed that the difference in the price between the planters of the two districts would not be significant. He asked Councillors whether they agree to use the planter with the same design as those in the C&W District in respect of the greening project. He requested the Works Section to provide information on the cost of planters in other districts to the DFMC for reference.
- 48. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> remarked that the C&W District Council ("C&WDC") did not object to the DFMC using the design of its planters, but the C&WDC hoped that the YTMDC would slightly modify the design.
- 49. <u>The Chairman</u> asked whether the C&WDC owned the copyright of the design of the railing planter.
- 50. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> responded that the C&WDC did not mention about the copyright issue, but Councillors of C&WDC hoped that the design of planters in the two districts would not be exactly the same.
- 51. <u>Ms WONG Shu-ming</u> asked whether the copyright of the railing planters in the C&W District belonged to the Government or the C&WDC.
- 52. <u>Miss Connie LIU</u> indicated that the YTMDO had obtained from the C&W District Office the design drawing of planters in their district for reference. The C&WDC hoped the DFMC could make slight changes to the design to avoid the two being exactly the same. She said that she had to consult the HAD in respect of the copyright issue mentioned by Councillors.

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- 53. The Chairman asked Councillors if they agreed to adopt the design of planters which would be slightly modified from the one currently used in the C&W District. If not, the DFMC could not approve the design of planters at this meeting. He continued that if the DFMC decided to adopt the same design used in the C&W District, it was necessary for the YTMDO to consult the HAD.
- Mr Francis CHONG indicated that he focused more on the practicality of planters. It was acceptable as long as the planters were reasonably priced and had a decent appearance. He opined that the YTMDC could simply adopt the design of planters placed at Chui Yu Road so that the beautification works on Sycamore Street could commence as soon as possible.
- 55. <u>The Chairman</u> enquired Councillors whether they agreed to adopt the design of planters placed at Chui Yu Road for the works project. There was no objection and <u>the Chairman</u> announced that the suggestion was endorsed.
- 56. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

### (iv) Provision of Canopies to GMB Stops Next to Larch Street SOA

57. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> reported that the DFMC had endorsed the withdrawal of the project proposal at the previous meeting. The cost of the ground investigation works conducted earlier was \$3,460. Councillors agreed to delete this item.

### **Item 3: Matters Arising:**

- (i) To Beautify the "Small Piece of Barren Land" next to Nullah Road SOA Soonest (YTMDFMC Paper No. 28/2013)
- 58. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the written responses of the TD (Annexes 1 and 2) had been faxed to Councillors for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:
  - (a) Ms Yvonne CHANG, Senior Estate Surveyor/Kowloon Central and Mr Joe LI, Principal Estate Officer/Kowloon West (North) of the Lands D;
  - (b) Mr Eric POON, General Manager, Works and Contracts; Ms Pauline LAU, Senior Manager, Works and Contracts, and Ms Angel LEUNG, Assistant Manager, Works and Contracts of the Urban Renewal Authority ("URA");
  - (c) Mr PANG Tat-wing, District Engineer/Mong Kok of the HyD;
  - (d) Mr Tom YIP, Senior Town Planner/Yau Tsim Mong of the Planning Department ("PlanD"); and
  - (e) Mr TANG Fuk-kin, Chief Health Inspector, Mong Kok District and Mr NG Chi-ho, Health Inspector (Contract Management) 1 of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.
  - 59. <u>The Chairman</u> said it was endorsed at the previous DFMC meeting that if the "small piece of barren land" ("the barren land") was proved by the HyD to be safe, the DFMC would proceed to discuss its development. If "the barren land" was found to be potentially dangerous, the Lands D

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had to give an account of the timetable of removing the underground oil tanks and forming the land at the current meeting.

- 60. Ms Yvonne CHANG indicated that the Lands D was willing to backfill the space of oil tanks underneath "the barren land" but it was necessary for other government departments to give opinions on whether the land had potential safety problems. She added that all the three oil tanks under "the barren land" were partially located under a carriageway. The Lands D hoped to collaborate with the relevant works departments to backfill the space of the oil tanks and discuss with them the works details.
- 61. The Chairman indicated that government departments had to provide a concrete response on how to deal with "the barren land" at this meeting. He reiterated that if "the barren land" had potential dangers, the Lands D had to remove the underground oil tanks and form the land. But if the relevant government departments proved that "the barren land" was safe, the DFMC would discuss how to develop the land.
- Ms Yvonne CHANG responded that the Lands D had not received the feedback of the relevant government departments regarding the safety concern of "the barren land". She added that the Lands D had consulted other government departments on how to deal with the idle oil tanks underneath the land a few years before and some government departments responded that it was not necessary to remove them. At that time, the Lands D considered that it was more appropriate to backfill the underground space with clean soil.
- 63. <u>Ms Yvonne CHANG</u> continued that if "the barren land" had potential risks, the District Lands Office/Kowloon West ("DLO/KW") would seek funding approval to backfill the underground space with concrete according to the land formation standards established by the HyD. However, the Lands D did not possess professional knowledge in this area and hoped the relevant works departments could provide guidance on land formation works.
- 64. The Vice-chairman said that the DFMC had written to the Director of Highways after the previous meeting, requesting the HyD to give clear views on the safety risks of the underground oil tanks on "the barren land". Although the HyD responded that they could not provide the relevant comments, Councillors had clearly indicated at the previous meeting that the Lands D had to submit at the current meeting the works schedule of removing the underground oil tanks on "the barren land" and forming the land. Therefore, the Lands D should not evade the issue anymore.
- 65. <u>The Chairman</u> opined that the HyD and the Lands D were shifting the blame to each other. He reiterated that the government departments had to give a clear response on how to handle "the barren land" at the current meeting. In addition, he would like to know whether the Lands D would inspect and take over the formed land.
- 66. Ms Yvonne CHANG responded that the Lands D would ask the works contractor to backfill the underground oil tanks and form the land. However, as the department lacked the relevant professional knowledge, it was difficult to assess whether the land would meet the requirements after formation. She continued that the Lands D had set a schedule for the relevant works which was available to the DFMC for reference.
- 67. <u>The Chairman</u> asked the Lands D when it would backfill the space of oil tanks underneath "the barren land" and form the land so as to allocate it to other government departments for use.

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- 68. Mr Joe LI responded that once the DFMC endorsed the backfilling of the oil tanks under "the barren land" and the formation of the land by the DLO/KW, the DLO/KW would apply to the Lands D for allocation to carry out the relevant works. As the works were complicated, it was expected that it would take around three months. He continued that the Lands D lacked the necessary professional knowledge and could not assess whether the formed land would be up to the standard, he therefore hoped that the HyD and other relevant government departments could provide assistance in this regard.
- 69. The Chairman believed that Councillors would not oppose the backfilling of the oil tanks underneath "the barren land" and the formation of the land by the DLO/KW, and that after the underground space was backfilled with concrete, "the barren land" should be able to meet the requirements of the relevant parties such as the TD and the YTMDO. He continued that three months was a reasonable period for the works, and believed that Councillors would accept it. He also said that the DFMC did not need to bear the cost as the Lands D would bear the expenditure of the relevant works.
- 70. Ms KO Po-ling supported an early commencement of backfilling the oil tank underneath "the barren land" and forming the land. Referring to the Lands D's comment that it lacked the professional knowledge to assess whether the formed land would meet the requirements, she pointed out that as the lead department of the works, the Lands D should have coordinated the implementation of the works with the relevant government departments beforehand, instead of shirking its responsibility at the meeting.
- 71. Mr WONG Kin-san said that the public had been waiting for the development of "the barren land" for years and should be willing to wait for three more months. He asked the representatives from government departments present at the meeting whether the safety problems with "the barren land" had been solved completely. He hoped government departments would not allege that there were potential problems of "the barren land" again after the meeting and further delay its development.
- Mr HUI Tak-leung said that if there were potential dangers with "the barren land", the relevant government departments should be responsible for removing the underground oil tanks and forming the land; if "the barren land" was safe, the Lands D should release the land so that the DFMC could discuss its development. He therefore opined that it should not be the responsibility of the DFMC to endorse the request for the Lands D to backfill the oil tanks underneath "the barren land". The relevant government departments should shoulder their own responsibility and address the safety problems of "the barren land".
- 73. The Chairman responded to Mr HUI Tak-leung's comment. He said that, earlier, the Lands D could not confirm whether there were any potential risks with "the barren land" and therefore did not release it for safety reasons. Currently, the Lands D indicated that there should be potential safety problems with the land and was willing to backfill the space of underground oil tanks with concrete, and therefore sought the DFMC's advice.
- 74. <u>Ms Betty HO</u> said that the DFMC did not have to endorse the request for the Lands D to address the safety problems of "the barren land" if it was left fenced off. However, as the land would be greened eventually or developed as part of the Nullah Road SOA, which was catagorised as DMW, it was appropriate for the DFMC to join the discussion on the matter.

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- 75. While agreeing with Ms Betty HO, <u>Mr HUI Tak-leung</u> added that the DFMC had decided to beautify the land for a long time but the relevant government departments indicated that there were potential problems with the site and did not allocate it to the DFMC for development.
- 76. Mr Francis CHONG would like to know whether the potential problems of the land referred to the possible land subsidence or the presence of oil in the oil tanks.
- 77. <u>The Chairman</u> responded that according to the Lands D, there was no oil contamination problem with "the barren land". However, as the site had been fenced off and left idle by the Lands D for a long time, some Councillors proposed to green the site, develop it as part of the Nullah Road SOA, or even open it up for traffic.
- 78. The Chairman hoped that the backfilling and the land formation works could be completed within the year. He proposed to continue the discussion of this item at the next meeting, and there was no objection. He continued that the DFMC would discuss the development of the formed land after the YTMDO took it over.
- 79. <u>Miss Connie LIU</u> said that it had been suggested in past meetings to expand the Nullah Road SOA after removing the underground oil tanks and forming the land, in which "the barren land" adjacent to the SOA would become part of the Nullah Road SOA under the management of the LCSD. Before that, the relevant government departments had to engage a works consultant to conduct a feasibility study. If the result of the study showed that there were potential problems with the land, the land might have to be returned to the Lands D.
- 80. <u>The Chairman</u> concluded that if the land was allocated to the YTMDC for development, it could be made part of the Nullah Road SOA or greened. Development of the land could be further discussed after the Lands D had completed the relevant works.
- 81. <u>Ms Yvonne CHANG</u> said that the Lands D would carry out the land formation works and prepare land allocation documents at the same time.
- 82. <u>Miss Connie LIU</u> added that land allocation was generally not required if placing flower pots on the roadside. However, if the development of "the barren land" necessitated land allocation by the Government, it had to be developed as part of the SOA.
- 83. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the land would be handed over to the LCSD directly in future for development as part of the SOA.
- 84. Mr Vincent SO said that the land should be safe after its underground space was backfilled with concrete. The direction of the development of the land could be further discussed after the Lands D had completed the relevant works.
- 85. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on item 3(i).

### **Item 3: Matters Arising:**

(ii) URA's Area Improvement Plan for the Shopping Areas of Mong Kok — Concern over Its Progress at Tung Choi Street and Nullah Road (YTMDFMC Paper No. 41/2013)

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- 86. <u>Ms Pauline LAU</u> gave a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 3) on the progress of the revitalisation works of Tung Choi Street.
- 87. <u>The Chairman</u> asked Mr PANG Tat-wing about the local community's grounds of objecting to the revitalisation works of Tung Choi Street. He also asked whether the HyD would stop recommending the broadening of the pavements of Tung Choi Street as a minor works project due to the objection from only one member of the community.
- 88. Mr PANG Tat-wing responded that according to the information from the URA, it had invited 15 members of the community who had aired their views in the local consultation on the revitalisation works of Tung Choi Street to attend a briefing session in August 2013, explaining to them the design proposal. It turned out that only two of them showed up, one still objected to the project while the other supported it. The HyD opined that the result of the briefing did not differ much from the previous one. The dozen of opponents who had indicated opposition to the works project in the previous district consultation did not attend the latest briefing. The HyD had no way to understand their stance at present. He pointed out that according to the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance, if stakeholders objected to the broadening works of the pavements of Tung Choi Street, the project proponent should discuss with the opponents, hoping that they would withdraw their objections. Otherwise, the HyD could not recommend the works project as a minor works project.
- 89. The Chairman said that if the opponents of the works project did not express their views any more, they could be regarded as having no views according to the District Council ("DC")'s general consultation procedure. Therefore, he did not understand the HyD's claim. He wanted to know whether the HyD could recommend the project of broadening the pavements of Tung Choi Street as a minor works project only if all stakeholders support it.
- 90. Mr PANG Tat-wing responded that according to the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance, if the proposed road works would affect the existing roads and the interest of stakeholders, but the project proponent managed to gain support from the stakeholders, the HyD could recommend the works project concerned as a minor works project. However, if there were a lot of objections, the works project would need to be gazetted.
- 91. Mr PANG Tat-wing reiterated that a dozen of opponents who were against the broadening of pavements of Tung Choi Street did not attend the previous briefing session organised by the URA, and the HyD was unable to know their present views on the project. Therefore, the HyD could not recommend the works project concerned as a minor works project.
- 92. The Vice-chairman said that the Tai Kok Tsui Streetscape Improvement Project was also not supported by all stakeholders but the HyD had approved the works project. She was puzzled why the HyD's policies were so markedly different and hoped that the HyD could clearly define a minor works project. She emphasised that the URA had conducted the lobbying properly but the opponents did not accept the invitation to attend the briefing session. She was dissatisfied with the HyD that it did not facilitate the broadening of pavements of Tung Choi Street based on only one single objection, which had jeopardised residents' interests.
- 93. <u>The Vice-chairman</u> opined that the HyD's standards were inconsistent because it allowed the use of different types of railing planters in the district but only the same design for all roadside fences.

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- 94. Ms Ko Po-ling said that the broadening of pavements of Tung Choi Street was not merely a beautification project, but could also alleviate traffic congestion in that area. She said that the URA had respected the views of different stakeholders and had conducted two consultations on the works project. As objections were received in the first consultation, the URA invited the opponents for a meeting. She also said that she did not oppose the gazettal of the works project but opined that the HyD should not give too much weight to the consultation results. If the consultation process was done thoroughly, the HyD should consider exempting the gazettal to save public expenditure.
- 95. Mr Hui Tak-leung said that Mr PANG Tat-wing only explained the present mechanism of conducting road works in accordance with the legislation. If Councillors opined that the broadening of pavements in Tung Choi Street should be given special consideration, they should write directly to the Director of Highways in the name of the DFMC to express their aspirations.
- 96. Mr Barry WONG said that as some people who had held opposing views did not attend the URA's briefing as invited, he would like to know how the government departments concerned contacted them. He further asked whether the HyD's decision of not to recommend the broadening works of the pavements of Tung Choi Street as minor works due to a single opposing view was made in accordance with the policy requirement or legislation. He also asked whether government departments had assessed if the views raised by the stakeholders were justified during the course of the consultation on the works project.
- 97. Mr WONG Kin-san said that the URA had invited more than 10 stakeholders who had held opposing views during the first consultation exercise to attend the briefing. Only two members of the local community attended the briefing on that day, and the absentees did not express their views to the URA through other channels. He opined that the absentees who did not express their views any more should be considered as having no comments. He continued that the opponent who was strongly against broadening the pavements of Tung Choi Street during the briefing on that day did not give an account of the reason for objection. He asked the HyD to think over whether it should give up the street revitalisation plan because of an indiscriminate objection. He recalled that during the briefing, the URA had explained the amendments made to design proposal of broadening the pavements of Tung Choi Street, including reducing the number of parking spaces proposed to be The URA also asked the two members of the local community who attended the briefing on that day to bring the amended proposal to the attention of others through their social network, and welcomed views on the new proposal from anyone. The URA had not received any views before the meeting. He opined that it was not sensible for the HyD to stifle the Tung Choi Street revitalisation project because of past consultation results.
- 98. The Chairman said that committees under the YTMDC often faced objections from stakeholders motivated by personal or commercial interests during consultations with the local community on district works proposals. For example, both the Tai Kok Tsui Streetscape Improvement Project and the landmark project at the junction of Sai Yeung Choi Street South and Soy Street had met with opposition. However, after extensive consultation with the local community and society and careful consideration of their views, the DFMC still decided to implement the projects. He continued that the HyD had delayed the Tung Choi Street revitalisation project for three years due to the objection of commercial tenants. He was dissatisfied with the HyD that it neglected the views of stakeholders such as residents and pedestrians. He pointed out that as the pavements of Tung Choi Street were extremely crowded, the HyD should consider the works project of broadening pavements of Tung Choi Street as a project to improve the roads and designs of parking spaces which would be implemented by the department if it was unable to recommend it as a minor works project.

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- 99. <u>Mr PANG Tat-wing</u> said that works projects involving partial road closures had to be gazetted in accordance with the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance.
- 100. The Vice-chairman said that the Tai Kok Tsui Streetscape Improvement Project also faced opposition, yet it had the support of the HyD. She opined that the HyD adopted inconsistent standards, and suggested that all Councillors sign a letter to the HyD and the TD to express their demand for the broadening of the pavements of Tung Choi Street and dissatisfaction with the representatives of the two government departments who did not fully cooperate with Councillors and the URA.
- 101. Mr PANG Tat-wing said that the HyD would not give up a works project simply because of a single objection. He pointed out that according to the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance, works with objections had to be gazetted to collect the views of stakeholders, and the HyD would assess whether the views were justified. He continued that the Tai Kok Tsui Streetscape Improvement Project was implemented by phases. The first phase was relatively simple and did not involve road closures, therefore there was no need to recommend the works as a minor works project. However, there were objections to the third phase which involved road closures. As the URA managed to persuade the stakeholders to withdraw their objections, the HyD was currently vetting the application for recommending the works as a minor works project. He added that the HyD considered the Tung Choi Street revitalisation project as relatively simple and there were not many opinions from the stakeholders. The department therefore suggested that the URA persuade the stakeholders to accept the broadening works of pavements of Tung Choi Street, and then confirm that the stakeholders who had held opposing views no longer had any comments on the works so that gazetting was not required because of any objections.
- 102. <u>Ms KO Po-ling</u> said that she would not object to the gazettal of the Tung Choi Street pavement broadening works if it was stipulated in the law and asked about the period of publication in the Gazette. Moreover, she hoped the works could commence as soon as possible.
- 103. Mr Barry WONG wanted to know the time required for the gazettal and assessment of views by the HyD. Moreover, he asked the HyD how it would assess whether the views collected were justified and asked whether the YTMDC could take part in the assessment.
- 104. Mr HUI Tak-leung wanted to know whether the same public consultation mechanism for district works was adopted throughout all government departments. He said that according to the established consultation practice of District Offices and DCs, stakeholders would be deemed to have no comments if they did not give any views before the specified deadline. Hence he was puzzled by the HyD's suggestion of requesting the URA to confirm that stakeholders who had raised objections no longer had any comments. He asked the HyD to act according to the established practice of public consultation and not to set extra criteria of its own.
- 105. Mr PANG Tat-wing said that gazettal took nine months to a year in general, including the assessment of justifications of views collected. He further said that he was not sure if different government departments adopted the same public consultation mechanism for district works but the HyD suggested the project proponent meet with the opponents to understand the justifications for their objection and persuade them to change their stance.

(Mr Francis CHONG left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.)

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- 106. <u>Ms KO Po-ling</u> asked whether it was the HyD or the YTMDO that was responsible for arranging meetings for stakeholders and whether it was the property owners or the shop operators who would be consulted in the case of commercial tenants. Moreover, she wanted to know whether government departments encountered any difficulties during the consultation on the initiation of district works.
- 107. The Vice-chairman added that subsequent to the previous meeting, the government departments concerned had arranged a meeting on the Tung Choi Street pavement broadening works for the URA and stakeholders. She then confirmed with the HyD whether it would not recommend the works as minor works. If the reply was negative, she asked whether it was necessary to gazette the works project. She further said that she would not oppose the gazettal of the works if it was necessary. She also said that the HyD had inconsistent standards which could be seen in the way it handled the revitalisation project of Tai Kok Tsui and that of Tung Choi Street. Moreover, she asked the URA to continue to assist the DFMC in implementing the Tung Choi Street revitalisation project.
- 108. Mr PANG Tat-wing said that for the Tung Choi Street revitalisation works, the HyD was only responsible for approving the recommendation of minor works. If gazettal was required, it should be initiated by the project proponent. He added that gazettal was also initiated by project proponents in general for road works carried out by other government departments and organisations.
- 109. <u>Ms Pauline LAU</u> said that gazettal had to be arranged by government departments and that the URA was not in a position to do so. She further said that the URA would continue to implement the Tung Choi Street revitalisation project upon completion of gazetting procedures.
- 110. <u>The Vice-chairman</u> said that the URA only assisted the Government in implementing the Tung Choi Street revitalisation project and it was the responsibility of the HyD and TD to broaden the pavements there. She said that Councillors might consider writing to the Director of Highways, requesting the HyD to implement the Tung Choi Street pavement broadening works and to gazette the works.
- 111. Mr PANG Tat-wing said that the Tung Choi Street pavement broadening works was part of the Area Improvement Plan for the Shopping Areas of Mong Kok proposed by the PlanD in 2009 and were not intended to improve road condition. He further said that the HyD could consider gazetting or assisting in the gazettal of the works, but as the nature of the works was town planning, the government departments concerned should also give views on gazettal.
- 112. Mr Tom YIP said that the PlanD had consulted various government departments and the YTMDC on the Area Improvement Plan for the Shopping Areas of Mong Kok. He pointed out that the PlanD supported the Tung Choi Street revitalisation project and opined that the URA had devoted a lot of effort on the matter. He further said that it was beyond the purview of the PlanD to gazette the pavement broadening works of Tung Choi Street which was considered a road works project. He added that as a general rule, government departments such as the TD, the HyD and the Lands D could gazette district works.
- 113. Ms KO Po-ling asked the Chairman to write to the Director of Highways, requesting the HyD to gazette the Tung Choi Street pavement broadening works as soon as possible. She said that if the HyD considered the consultation extensive enough and gazettal could be waived, the URA should be able to commence works at Tung Choi Street immediately. She also said that if the works were intended to improve road condition, the Government should avoid using words such as

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"beautification project" so that the public would not misunderstand that the works were carried out for beautification only and would not make significant changes to the environment.

- 114. Mr Chris IP opined that the HyD was shirking its responsibility. He said that at the Traffic and Transport Committee ("TTC") meeting the week before, Members had agreed to write to the Director of Highways to express the TTC's discontent about the HyD's inefficiency. He said that if Councillors agreed, he could send the TTC's letter together with the DFMC's letter to the HyD.
- 115. <u>The Vice-chairman</u> asked on behalf of the Chairman whether Councillors agreed to write to the Director of Highways, requesting the HyD to gazette the Tung Choi Street pavement broadening works as soon as possible and there was no objection.
- (Post-meeting note: The Chairman wrote to the Director of Highways (Annex 4) in the name of the DFMC on 17 October 2013 to express the above views and the HyD replied (Annex 5) on 31 October 2013.)
- 116. <u>The Vice-chairman</u> enquired the URA whether the design of the decorative fence of Tung Choi Street had been revised and the support of government departments had been obtained.
- 117. <u>Ms Pauline LAU</u> responded that the design of the decorative fence had been revised.
- 118. <u>The Vice-chairman</u> thanked the URA for constantly revising the designs of various works projects having regard to the views of government departments.
- 119. <u>Mr WONG Kin-san</u> proposed to continue the discussion of this item at the next meeting, and there was no objection.
- 120. There being no further comments, the Vice-chairman closed the discussion on item 3(ii).

(Mr CHAN Wai-keung left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.)

### **Item 3: Matters Arising:**

- (iii) Signature Project of Yau Tsim Mong District (YTMDFMC Paper No. 42/2013 and Paper No. 51/2013)
- 121. <u>The Vice-chairman</u> said that the amended paper was placed on the table for Councillors' perusal. She then welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:
  - (a) Ms Betty HO, District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong); Mr Charlson CHIU, Assistant District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong) and Mr Cyrus MOK, Project Manager (Works) of the YTMDO; and
  - (b) Ms Sandy SIN, Senior Estate Surveyor/Kowloon South of the Lands D.
- 122. <u>Ms Betty HO</u> reported on the latest progress regarding the Multicultural Activity Venue ("the activity venue") at Battery Street as follows:
  - (a) The DFMC endorsed the Assessment Criteria for Selecting Partner Organisations for the Signature Project of Yau Tsim Mong at its meeting on 4 July 2013. The

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YTMDO subsequently posted advertisements on local Chinese and English newspapers on 30 July, inviting eligible organisations to submit proposals for applying to be partner organisations to operate the activity venue. In addition, the YTMDO wrote to large-scale non-governmental organisations that provided services to the ethnic minorities on 2 August, inviting them to submit proposals and apply to be partner organisations of the project by 30 September 2013. As at 11 September, the YTMDO had not received proposals from any organisations. She asked Councillors to encourage eligible organisations to submit applications. The YTMDO would prepare a gist of the proposals received for the DFMC's reference in October so that the DFMC could assess the proposals at its meeting on 7 November 2013.

- (b) The YTMDO was currently conducting a technical feasibility study on the provision of the activity venue. By fully utilising the space of nearly 4 000 square feet, a single-storey structure with a green roof would be built. The YTMDO noted the suggestions of some Councillors that toilets should be abandoned to make more room for a hall. In this connection, the YTMDO had sought advice from the HAD. The department opined that although government departments were not governed by the Buildings Ordinance, the YTMDO should still carry out works in accordance with the Ordinance and therefore did not support the suggestion of taking out toilets.
- (c) Under the Buildings Ordinance, toilets for males, females and the disabled should be provided at the activity venue based on its maximum capacity. The male and female toilet should each occupy an area of 18 square metres and the toilet for the disabled should occupy 7 square metres. Besides, there would be facilities such as a meter room and registration counter. The space left for the hall would then be about 300 square metres. There would be a staircase inside the hall leading to the rooftop.
- (d)
  Three sides of the activity venue would face Canton Road, Battery Street and Saigon Street. As the pavement of Saigon Street would be widened, the YTMDO tentatively planned to open the venue entrance at Saigon Street which would be wider after the widening works and would like to seek Councillors' advice.
- There were four trees which were over 10 metres tall and they were in harmony with the green roof. The YTMDO would try to retain those trees provided that the area of the activity venue would not be affected. However, the two trees which was an obstacle to the works had to be removed.
- 123. <u>Ms Betty HO</u> then reported on the latest progress regarding the proposed Chinese Wushu Activity Venue ("the Wushu venue") under the Ferry Street Flyover as follows:
  - (a) At the DFMC meeting on 4 July 2013, the YTMDO reported to Councillors that the Kowloon Fruit and Vegetable Merchants Association Limited ("the Association") had written to the DLO/KW, applying to lease the government land under the Ferry Street Flyover at market rent for use as a cargo transshipment area and a pallet depot.
  - (b) At the meeting of the Working Group on Concern for Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market ("WG on Fruit Market") in August, representatives of the Food and Health Bureau ("FHB")

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indicated the FHB's support to allocate the government land under the Ferry Street Flyover to the fruit trade industry for unloading activities. The identified site for the Wushu venue was the land that the Association applied for leasing. In addition, a feasibility study had to be conducted if the Wushu venue was to be provided there, which meant certain expenses would be incurred. She asked Councillors to express their views on whether to continue with the plan of providing the Wushu venue at the identified site.

- 124. The Chairman asked Councillors to first comment on the Multicultural Activity Venue. He said that even though the provision of toilets would reduce the space available for the hall, he thought that it was better to provide toilets for the convenience of users. Besides, additional fire escape routes and lifts were required if the Multicultural Activity Venue was more than one storey and the usable floor area would be reduced accordingly. He was therefore satisfied with the current single-storey design.
- 125. The Chairman added that it was undesirable to provide the entrance of the activity venue at Saigon Street. If the entrance was provided at Canton Road, it would face the pedestrian crossing there and this might cause inconvenience to venue users. On the other hand, there were parking spaces at Battery Street, which would facilitate the delivery of goods for activities. He thus suggested that the venue entrance be provided at Battery Street. He also said that there were public toilets near the activity venue and invite Councillors to give their views on whether toilets should be provided at the activity venue.
- Mr Barry WONG said that the location of the venue entrance was important as there would be vehicles to take participants or transport goods to the activity venue when organising activities in future. In addition, if male and female toilets were provided at the activity venue, he wanted to know whether they should have the same area or the female toilet should be larger having regard to the gender mainstreaming concept. He worried that the hall area would be greatly reduced with the provision of both male and female toilets. Therefore, he suggested skipping the toilets to allow more room for the hall. He also asked what the YTMDO would do if there was no submission of proposals by the deadline for application. Moreover, he asked about the eligibility criteria to become partner organisations.
- 127. Mr Derek HUNG said that a balance should be struck between the demand for toilets of venue users and the usable area. Given that public toilets were provided near the proposed site, he suggested that only a toilet for the disabled be provided at the activity venue. Moreover, he wanted to know the increase in total area of the activity venue if the four trees near the site were removed and whether more facilities would be provided due to its expansion.

(Mr Benjamin CHOI left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.)

- 128. <u>Mr Benny YEUNG</u> said given that the site for the activity venue was not spacious, if toilets were provided, the space available for holding activities would be even smaller. He added that public toilets near the proposed site had recently been renovated.
- 129. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the public toilets in question (including toilets for males, females and the disabled) were just about 20 feet away from the activity venue.
- 130. <u>The Chairman</u> said that Councillors in general supported the provision of the venue entrance at Battery Street and preferred not to provide toilets at the activity venue. He then asked Mr

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Vincent SO which government departments would be responsible for the relocation or removal of the four trees near the activity venue and how long it would take.

- 131. <u>Mr Vincent SO</u> responded that it was difficult to relocate the four trees as they were large and tall. If those trees were removed, prior approval from the Tree Preservation Board of the LCSD would be required.
- 132. <u>The Chairman</u> asked about the approval process for removing the four trees and whether it could be done within two years.
- 133. <u>Mr Vincent SO</u> responded that the Tree Preservation Board would usually meet once every month and there should be no problem in the time of processing the approval.
- Ms KO Po-ling supported the provision of the venue entrance at Battery Street. Moreover, she opined that if no toilet was provided at the activity venue, it would be inconvenient to both venue staff and users (particularly children). She considered that this point should be made clear to organisations which would like to apply to become the partner organisation, thereby enabling them to put forward proposals to address the issue. She also said that according to the Work Plan for the Multicultural Activity Venue at Battery Street ("the work plan") in Annex 1 to the paper, the YTMDO would submit funding application for constructing the activity venue to the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau as well as the Legislative Council in the second quarter of 2015. To enable the early completion of the works project in the second half of 2015, she wanted to know whether the YTMDO could review the work plan to allow various government departments to simultaneously carry out administration work.
- 135. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo shared Ms KO Po-ling's view. He also opined that the administrative procedures should be simplified so as to expedite the works project. He considered that it was suitable to provide the entrance of the activity venue at Battery Street, but the relevant government departments should review the road condition there as it was rather chaotic. In addition, he said that flexibility should be exercised on the issue of providing toilets at the activity venue and suggested that only a toilet for the disabled be provided for the use of all males, females and the disabled.
- 136. The Chairman believed that the parking situation of Battery Street would be improved after the completion of the activity venue. He also asked whether Councillors agreed to remove the four 10-metre tall trees adjacent to the activity venue to free up more space. There being no comments, the Chairman asked the government departments concerned to remove the four trees. Moreover, he proposed providing two 7-square-metre toilets for the disabled in the activity venue while no separate male and female toilets would be provided. There being no objection, the Chairman announced that Councillors agreed with this suggestion. He asked the YTMDO to complete the design of the activity venue as soon as possible and try to streamline the administrative procedures so that the project could be finished within the current term of the DC.

(Mr HUI Tak-leung left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.)

### 137. <u>Ms Betty HO</u> responded as follows:

(a) She had reviewed the feasibility of completing the project early but many administrative procedures were required for public works projects over HK\$30 million. She had asked the government departments concerned why the tender

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- exercise took five months and was informed that the Development Bureau had agreed with the engineering sector to conduct open tenders for large-scale works of the Government.
- (b) When the YTMDO submitted the detailed proposal to the HAD for approval, it had to submit, in addition to information such as the result of the technical feasibility study, the information of the partner organisation as well. After the DFMC selected the partner organisation at the meeting on 7 November 2013, the YTMDO would prepare a detailed proposal in December 2013 or January 2014 and the tender exercise was expected to commence in March 2014. She would review whether the period for the preparation of the detailed proposal could be shortened for one to two months but it was unlikely that the procedures for the tender exercise and the commissioning of works consultant for detailed design could be shortened.
- 138. <u>The Chairman</u> wanted to know whether the tender exercise could be advanced to January or February 2014.
- 139. <u>Ms Betty HO</u> responded that the YTMDO could prepare the detailed proposal only after the DFMC selected the partner organisation at the meeting on 7 November 2013. She would review the feasibility of shortening the time required for preparing the detailed proposal but she pointed out that it was unlikely to complete the project one year earlier.
- 140. The Chairman said that the YTMDO organised a public consultation forum for the provision of the activity venue on 18 June 2013 and he asked Councillors to give comments on the scale and time of the next public consultation. He opined that as the YTMDO was busy recently, the next consultation forum should not be held in October and could only be organised in early November at the earliest.
- 141. <u>Mr Chris IP</u> asked what the YTMDO would do if the DFMC failed to select a partner organisation at the meeting on 7 November 2013.
- Mr Derek HUNG recalled that the YTMDO had organised a public consultation in June 2013 to collect the views of various ethnic minority communities on the activity venue. He said that it had been three months since the consultation and wanted to know whether the next consultation would be aimed at consulting the public on that activity venue only or on the Wushu venue at Ferry Street as well. He pointed out that the Wushu venue project was yet to be discussed by the DFMC and he worried that it would take a long time before the next consultation could be held if the views of the public on the two venues were collected together.
- 143. <u>The Chairman</u> responded that the Wushu venue would be discussed later at the meeting and Mr Benny YEUNG, Chairman of the WG on Fruit Market would give an account on the status of the site selection. He reiterated that the YTMDO would be very busy in October and it would be better to hold the next consultation in early November.
- 144. <u>Mr Derek HUNG</u> opined that the views of the public on the above two venues could be collected together in the next consultation as long as it was explained in the consultation that the Wushu venue project had yet to be implemented.
- 145. <u>Ms KWAN Sau-ling</u> supported organising the next consultation in November and inviting representatives of owners' corporations in the district to attend the consultation to collect the views

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of local residents on the two venues.

- 146. The Chairman opined that the time for the next consultation on the multicultural activity venue could be decided first and whether the consultation would also cover the Wushu venue could be discussed later. He again emphasized that the YTMDO would be rather busy in October and the consultation could not be held in that month.
- 147. <u>Ms KO Po-ling</u> said that it was better to hold the next consultation after the DFMC had selected the partner organisation on 7 November 2013 so that the selected partner organisation could listen to the views of the public on the activity venue at the consultation.
- 148. The Vice-chairman indicated that with the help of Mr Derek HUNG, the Chairman of the Working Group on Ethnic Affairs, the first public consultation was very successful and received overwhelming response. She considered that the next consultation should focus on the discussion of only one venue. A separate public consultation should be held for the other venue to allow members of the public to have in-depth discussions on the two venues respectively. She continued that although the multicultural activity venue would be located in Jordan, targets of the consultation should include all stakeholders in the YTM District.
- 149. <u>The Chairman</u> asked what the YTMDO would do in case it did not receive proposals from any organisations by the closing date for submission of applications or the DFMC could not select a suitable partner oganisation among the proposals collected.
- 150. Ms Betty HO indicated that organisations that applied for implementing Signature Project in collaboration with the YTMDC should be approved charitable institution/trust of a public character under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance or statutory bodies with an enabling Ordinance under which the Signature Project proposal was permissible. The DFMC would assess the proposals submitted by organisations according to the Assessment Criteria for Selecting Partner Organisations for the Signature Project of Yau Tsim Mong endorsed earlier. If no proposals had been received or the DFMC could not select the suitable partner organisation as scheduled, the YTMDO would consider two options. Option one was to invite organisations to submit proposals again, but this would affect the works progress. Option two was to review whether there were government departments capable of managing the multicultural activity venue. However, the involvement of government departments in the management of activity venues ran counter to the principle of "cooperation among the Government, the business sector and the public". If this situation happened, she would seek Councillors' advice.
- Ms Betty HO continued that the YTMDO had no special requirement on the date of the next consultation but it would be better to conduct it after the DFMC had selected the partner organisation. This could allow the partner organisation to directly listen to stakeholders' views on how to optimise the use of the activity venue, which would facilitate the design and improvement of the operation mode of the venue. Whether the public should be consulted on both the activity venue and Wushu venue in the coming consultation depended on the DFMC's progress in the discussion on the Wushu venue. The public consultation on the establishment of the two venues should be held separately if the progress of discussion on the two differed greatly.
- 152. Members had no other comments on the schedule of the consultation. <u>The Chairman</u> concluded that Councillors supported holding the next public consultation on the activity venue after the DFMC had selected the partner organisation. The consultation was targeted at all stakeholders in the YTM District.

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- 153. <u>The Chairman</u> invited Mr Benny YEUNG to report on the current situation of the identified site for the Wushu venue.
- Mr Benny YEUNG indicated that the WG on Fruit Market had discussed the Association's application for leasing the government land under the Ferry Street Flyover at the meeting on 15 August 2013. Representatives from the FHB supported allocating the open space to the fresh fruit industry for loading/unloading activities, which could hopefully reduce the current noise impact of the industry on residents nearby. Representatives from the FHB also said that the FHB would not support a particular fresh fruit organisation's leasing application and if that site was allocated for the operation of the fresh fruit trade, the FHB would conduct an open tender.
- 155. The Chairman declared interest as he was living in the vicinity of Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market ("Fruit Market"). He summarised that there were two proposals for developing the open space under the Ferry Street Flyover. The first proposal was to conduct an open tender for the operation of the fresh fruit industry to reduce the current noise impact of loading/unloading activities on residents nearby. The result of which would be the Wushu venue, the second proposal, had to be established somewhere else. If the DFMC adopted the first proposal, he enquired about the time required for the open tender exercise and he hoped the Lands D could take a proactive role in assisting the DFMC to identify another site for the Wushu venue.
- 156. Ms Sandy SIN responded that after the meeting of the WG on Fruit Market on 15 August 2013, the Lands D had provided comments to the FHB in respect of the proposed use of the government land under the Ferry Street Flyover for the operation of fresh fruit industry. The Lands D was currently discussing the arrangements of an open tender with the FHB. Upon confirmation of the details with the FHB, the Lands D could make the land available for tender within six months at the soonest.
- 157. The Chairman asked subsequent to the commencement of open tender, how long it would take for the Lands D to assess the tender documents to make sure that bidders were capable of reaching the target of reducing the noise nuisance from the Fruit Market as requested. In addition, he would like to know whether the DFMC could reserve the site for the Wushu venue if no operator submitted tender in the end.
- 158. <u>Ms Sandy SIN</u> said that the Lands D was exploring with the FHB ways to make sure that the nuisance caused by the Fruit Market to the residents would be alleviated if the government land under the Ferry Street Flyover was awarded to the fresh fruit industry for operation. Options included restricting the land use of the short-term tenancy ("STT") and making special arrangements in respect of the tendering procedures.
- 159. <u>The Chairman</u> reiterated that the DFMC would give up the proposal of the Wushu venue only if the nuisance caused by the Fruit Market to the residents nearby could be alleviated.
- 160. <u>Ms Sandy SIN</u> said that the Lands D would prepare STT after confirming the details of the open tender with the FHB. She continued that the Lands D would contact the lessee to take over the site after awarding the tenancy.
- 161. <u>The Chairman</u> would like to know how long the Lands D needed to award the tenancy of the site.

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- 162. <u>Ms Sandy SIN</u> replied that the Lands D would communicate with the lessee on when to take over the site after awarding the tender, and the official handover of the site would generally take place in a month's time.
- 163. The Chairman summarised Ms Sandy SIN's remarks, saying that it would take at least seven months for conducting an open tender and awarding a tenancy for the government land under the Ferry Street Flyover. If the lessee had special requests in respect of the date of the handover of the site, it might take a longer period of time. In addition, he would like to know when the Lands D could announce the tendering result.
- Ms Sandy SIN said that to ensure that the STT could reduce the impact caused by the operation of the Fruit Market on the residents nearby, before preparing the STT and consulting various government departments, the Lands D had to seek specific directions from the FHB on the detailed arrangements and might have to get agreement within various departments. The procedures would take time but the Lands D hoped to complete them as soon as possible.
- 165. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the open tender exercise and the awarding of a tenancy for the government land under the Ferry Street Flyover should be able to complete within one year.
- The Chairman continued that the WG on Fruit Market supported using the open space in question for the operation of the fresh fruit trade so as to reduce the current nuisance caused by the Fruit Market to the residents. He asked Councillors if they supported the arrangement. There being no objection, the Chairman announced that on the premise of reducing the nuisance caused by the Fruit Market, the DFMC supported the Government to call for tenders for operating the fresh fruit business at the space under the Ferry Street Flyover. He asked the Lands D and the YTMDO to identify an alternative site for the Wushu venue. He said that the DFMC had not abandoned the idea of establishing a Wushu venue, but the preparatory work for the project had to be suspended. He continued that the next consultation session on Signature Project was expected to be held in November and would focus on collecting the views of the public on the Multicultural Activity Venue.
- Ms Betty HO said that it would be rather difficult to find an alternative site in the district for the Wushu venue. She recalled that the YTMDO had studied altogether 50 sites under flyovers in the district to see if they were suitable for the development of the Wushu venue and the only suitable site was the one under the Ferry Street Flyover. She continued that the YTMDO would conduct a site selection exercise again to review whether there were reserved sites released by the Government available for developing the Wushu venue in the district at present. She pointed out that a suitable site under flyover should meet three conditions: (1) the public could get there on foot; (2) the site had to meet fire rescue requirements; and (3) the area and height of the site had to reach certain standards. She reiterated that it would be difficult to identify another suitable site under flyovers in the district. Nevertheless, the YTMDO would commence the selection exercise.
- 168. <u>The Chairman</u> thanked the YTMDO and the Lands D for helping identify suitable sites for establishing the Wushu venue. He then closed the discussion on item 3 (iii).

(Mr Barry WONG left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.)

Item 4: Report on Recreational and Sports Activities and Management of Facilities in YTM District by LCSD (June to November 2013) (YTMDFMC Paper No. 52/2013)

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- 169. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Mr Richard WONG, Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong West); Mr Vincent SO, District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong); Ms Brenda YEUNG, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Yau Tsim Mong and Mr Raymond CHAN, Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Yau Tsim Mong of the LCSD to the meeting.
- 170. <u>Ms Brenda YEUNG</u> briefly introduced the paper. She said that the Sino Land Company Limited would renovate and enhance the Yau Tsim Mong Pet Garden and Man Cheong Street Community Garden. Moreover, the government land between Yan Cheung Road and Man Cheong Street would be developed into a park. As the pet garden, community garden and park were on sites adjoining to each other, the LCSD suggested combining the above venues and renaming them as the "Man Cheong Street Park". If Councillors agreed with the proposal, the LCSD would proceed with the gazetting. There being no objection, the Chairman declared that Councillors accepted the proposal.
- 171. <u>The Chairman</u> asked the LCSD to consult the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the DFMC as well as the Councillors of the constituency on the design of advance works for the new part of the Man Cheong Street Park.
- 172. There being no other comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on the item.

# Item 5: Report on DMWs and Environmental Improvement Projects ("EIPs") in LCSD's Venues in YTM District in 2012-2015 (YTMDFMC Paper No. 53/2013)

- 173. Ms Brenda YEUNG briefly introduced the paper. She reported that as indicated by the PlanD, it was not necessary to submit the projects of the pet garden and model car play area under the Ferry Street Flyover to the Town Planning Board ("TPB") for assessment. This could help save time and cost (\$300,000) in engaging town planners. The LCSD would allocate \$2.9 million from the approved funding to commission project consultants to conduct the technical feasibility study. She also added that the quotation for the pet garden provided by the LCSD at the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> meetings of the DFMC did not include the cost for the provision of an underground sewerage system. Therefore, no drinking or washing facilities would be provided in the pet garden in future.
- 174. <u>The Chairman</u> added that the cost of the entire project would increase substantially if an underground sewerage system was to be provided in the pet garden under the Ferry Street Flyover. Therefore, at its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the DFMC endorsed not to provide an underground sewerage system in the pet garden.
- 175. There being no other comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on the item.

# Item 6: Funding Application for DMWs and EIPs in LCSD's Venues in YTM District in 2013/14 (YTMDFMC Paper No. 54/2013)

176. <u>Ms Brenda YEUNG</u> said that there were four proposed projects in the paper and the total estimated cost was \$1,185,000. However, as an additional funding of \$1.5 million was needed for one of the projects, the total amount of funding application was \$2,685,000.

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- (i) Installation of Safety Matting on the Walls of Activity Room in Fa Yuen Street Sports Centre
- 177. <u>Ms Brenda YEUNG</u> briefly presented the paper.
- 178. <u>The Chairman</u> said that although the project cost was relatively high, it could safeguard the safety of users in the activity room. He thus endorsed the proposed funding application. He also asked about the size of the safety matting.
- 179. <u>Ms Brenda YEUNG</u> responded that a safety matting of 15 metres long and 2 metres tall would be installed on both sides of the walls in the activity room. The total area of the two mattings was 60 square metres.
- 180. There being no further comments, <u>the Chairman</u> announced that the funding application for the project was endorsed.
  - (ii) Installation of a Rider for the Elderly and Replacement of a Pull-down Machine in Anchor Street Playground
- 181. Ms Brenda YEUNG briefly introduced the paper.
- 182. There being no comments, the Chairman announced that the funding application for the project was endorsed.
  - (iii) Provision of Rain Shelters and Handles for Benches in Urban Council Centenary Garden
- 183. <u>Ms Brenda YEUNG</u> briefly introduced the paper.
- 184. There being no comments, the Chairman announced that the funding application for the project was endorsed.
  - (iv) Provision of Benches at King's Park Recreation Ground and Addition of Benches and Elderly Fitness Facilities at Yau Ma Tei Service Reservoir Rest Garden
- 185. <u>Ms Brenda YEUNG</u> briefly introduced the paper. Other than the funding application listed in Annex 4 to the paper, the LCSD had also proposed the refurbishment and widening of the jogging track at Yau Ma Tei Service Reservoir Rest Garden to two metres. The cost of this project was \$1.5 million and the estimated cost of the whole item was \$1,575,000.
- 186. Mr Benny YEUNG indicated that many residents requested to widen the jogging track at Yau Ma Tei Service Reservoir Rest Garden.
- 187. There being no further comments, the Chairman announced that the funding application for the project was endorsed and closed the discussion on item 6.
- Item 7: Report on Extension Activities and Usage of Public Libraries in YTM District from June to July 2013 and Extension Activities Program Plan from October to November 2013 by LCSD (YTMDFMC Paper No. 55/2013)

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- 188. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Mrs Karen CHU, Senior Librarian (Yau Tsim Mong) and Ms Donna SIU, Librarian (Yau Ma Tei Public Library) of the LCSD to the meeting.
- 189. Mrs Karen CHU briefly introduced the paper.
- 190. Councillors noted the contents of the paper and had no comment. <u>The Chairman</u> closed the discussion on this item.

## Item 8: Report on DMWs in Public Libraries in YTM District in 2013/14 by LCSD (YTMDFMC Paper No. 56/2013)

- 191. <u>Mrs Karen CHU</u> reported on the progress of the works.
- 192. Councillors noted the works progress and had no comment. <u>The Chairman</u> closed the discussion on this item.

# Item 9: LCSD's Funding Application for DMWs in Public Libraries in YTM District in 2013/14 (YTMDFMC Paper No. 57/2013)

- 193. Mrs Karen CHU briefly introduced the paper.
- 194. Councillors had no comment and endorsed the funding proposal. <u>The Chairman</u> closed the discussion on this item.

# Item 10:Report on Free Entertainment Programmes and Arts and Cultural Activities in YTM District (YTMDFMC Paper No. 58/2013)

- 195. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Mr Alex CHEUNG, Senior Manager (Kowloon West/Cultural Services) and Ms Gloria CHAN, Manager (Kowloon West), Marketing, Programme and District Activities of the LCSD to the meeting.
- 196. <u>Ms Gloria CHAN</u> briefly introduced the paper.
- 197. Councillors noted the contents of the paper and had no comment. <u>The Chairman</u> closed the discussion on this item.

# Item 11:Request for Full Review of Condition of Rubber Flooring for Jogging Track in Lok Kwan Street Park (YTMDFMC Paper No. 59/2013)

- 198. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the written response of the LCSD (Annex 6) had been faxed to Councillors for perusal before the meeting.
- 199. Mr LAU Pak-kei supplemented the contents of the paper.
- 200. The Chairman asked whether the LCSD would bear the cost of repairing the rubber flooring

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of the jogging track.

- 201. Mr Vincent SO responded that he had an inspection to the site and found some damage on the rubber flooring. The Architectural Services Department ("ArchSD") indicated that it would conduct a comprehensive review of the condition of the rubber flooring and would meet all or part of the repair cost.
- 202. There being no further comments, the Chairman concluded that Councillors supported the proposal of the paper and closed the discussion on this item.

# Item 12:Request for Provision of Rain Shelter on Pedestrian Walkway (Playground Side) of Shanghai Street between Public Square Street and Kansu Street (YTMDFMC Paper No. 60/2013)

- 203. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the written responses of the Lands D, the HyD and the ArchSD (Annexes 7 to 9) had been faxed to Councillors for perusal before the meeting.
- 204. Mr Benny YEUNG supplemented the contents of the paper.
- 205. There being no further comments, the Chairman concluded that Councillors supported the proposal of the paper.
- 206. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> indicated that the Works Section had preliminarily considered the proposal. The proposed rain shelter was about 150 metres long. Since it would extend to the control valve on the external wall of the Henry G. Leong Yaumatei Community Centre ("HGLYCC") and the transformer room, further study was required. Moreover, the Lands D pointed out that the proposed rain shelter would stretch across the works site of Central Kowloon Route at the section of Kansu Street.
- 207. <u>The Chairman</u> requested the government departments concerned to draw up an appropriate and feasible works proposal for the DFMC to review.
- 208. Mr Benny YEUNG said that it was unnecessary to relocate the control valve and transformer room for the provision of the rain shelter. He requested the Works Section to submit two designs for the rain shelter, with one of them stretching across the works site of the Central Kowloon Route at Kansu Street section and the other ending at the works site boundary of the Central Kowloon Route. He also requested the Works Section to estimate the cost of the two designs for the DFMC's reference.
- 209. <u>Ms Cecilia PONG</u> added that the design and study report of the rain shelter was subject to the approval of the Advisory Committee on the Appearance of Bridges and Associated Structures.
- 210. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

## Item 13:To Enhance Walkway Lighting for Flower Market Road, Mong Kok (YTMDFMC Paper No. 61/2013)

211. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the HyD's written response (Annex 10) had been faxed to Councillors for perusal before the meeting. The YTMDO's written response (Annex 11) was placed on the table for Councillors' reference. He then welcomed Mr WONG Sai-kit, Sergeant, Police

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Community Relations Office (Mong Kok) of the Hong Kong Police Force to the meeting.

- 212. Mr WONG Kin-san supplemented the contents of the paper.
- 213. There being no further comments, <u>the Chairman</u> concluded that Councillors supported the proposal of the paper. He hoped that the government departments concerned could meet the costs of the works. He then closed the discussion on this item.

### **Item 14: Any Other Business**

214. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 5:50 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 7 November 2013 (Thursday).

(<u>Post-meeting note</u>: The Concern Group for Pets applied to book the hall of the HGLYCC for two whole days on 4 and 5 January 2014 to organise a cat show. As directed by the Chairman, the Secretariat sought advice from Councillors by circulation of paper on 13 September 2013. The application was endorsed by Councillors.)

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Annex 1

油尖旺地區設施管理委員會第 28 / 2013 號文件 書面回應

## 2012 至 2015 年度油尖旺區議會 地區設施管理委員會

運輸署就 儘速美化水渠道休憩處旁「小荒地」 所作的書面回應

運輸署的職權爲交通及運輸範疇,如有需要,運輸署會就相關方面提供協助。

2013年9月

Annex 2

油尖旺地區設施管理委員會第 41 / 2013 號文件 
書面回應

## 2012 至 2015 年度油尖旺區議會 地區設施管理委員會

### 運輸署就 關注市建局開展「旺角購物區地區改善計劃」 通菜街及水渠道路段進度 所作的書面回應

關注市延局開展「旺角購物區地區改善計劃」通來街及水渠道進度

運輸署正計劃利用水渠道近通菜街的前油站用地關作行車通道以連接通菜街及太子道西,並計劃於行車通道旁提供行人路及行人過路處。但由於連接車路的方案將有可能限制餘下兩旁土地作其他用途的發展(例如綠化等),運輸署會就方案細則與相關部門繼續協調,務求就交通,土地使用及綠化等範疇達效平衡。

2013年9月

### 2013年8月15日 - 通菜街街道活化工程簡介會

當區區議員、油尖旺民政事務處和市建局代表邀請有反對意見的地區人士解釋設計方案

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#### 通菜街街道活化工程 工程進度

2013.09.12

|                 | 規劃署設計                              | 市建局設計                                 | 工程進度                                 |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 行人路擴關           | ↑擴闊兩旁的行人路<br>◆擴闊行人路入口<br>・新加行人道緩衝區 | •擴闊兩旁的行人路<br>•擴闊行人路入口<br>•新加行人道緩衝區    | 地區人士仍有反對意見,路政署<br>不會推薦爲小規模工程         |
| 減少人車爭路情況        | •保留38個私家車泊位<br>•取消一段上落客貨區          | •保留53個私家車泊位<br>•取消一段上落客貨區             | 地區人士仍有反對意見,路政署<br>不會推薦爲小規模工程         |
| 更換行人路路面<br>鋪地物料 | •新鋪地物料和設計                          | •新鋪地物料和設計                             | 同意設計                                 |
| 增加綠化            | •路旁種植<br>(行人路入口及行人<br>道緩衝區加入花圃)    | •路旁種植<br>(行人路入口及行人<br>道緩衝區加入花圃)       | 同意設計                                 |
| 加強地區特色          | •特色燈柱                              | •特色地標<br>•特色圍欄<br>•行人天橋美化工程<br>•特色雕塑品 | • 同意設計<br>• 市建局已修改設計<br>• 暫延<br>• 取消 |
| 更換行車路路面<br>鋪地物料 | •行車道入口引入減速<br>平台                   | •行車路路面鋪上有色<br>地台塗料和鋪地物料               | 取消                                   |

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## 油尖旺區議會

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劉先生:

### 要求把擴闊通菜街行人路工程項目盡快刊憲

油尖旺區議會地區設施管理委員會("設管會")曾多次討論市區重建局("市建局")旺角街區活化計劃的擴闊通菜街行人路工程項目。

路政署代表在 2013 年 5 月 16 日設管會第九次會議上,曾表示在本港進行的道路工程,必須按照《道路(工程、使用及補償)條例》的規定刊憲,以便公眾就工程建議提出意見、反對或索償,但若屬小規模工程,而預計工程不會引起反對聲音,則可考慮豁免刊憲。貴署代表指出,由於在擴闊通菜街行人路工程的諮詢過程中,有超過十多個商戶表示強烈反對或對該工程有意見,故路政署未能把該工程項目推薦爲小規模工程,以豁免刊憲程序。

在 2013 年 7 月 4 日設管會第十次會議上,市建局代表指出,路政署未有推薦把擴闊通菜街行人路列為小規模工程,工程因此未能展開。貴署代表在會上建議市建局與反對人士商討,爭取他們的支持。市建局、油尖旺民政事務處及當區議員在會後已邀請反對該工程項目或對該工程項目有意見的人士會面,當日在十五名的邀請對象中共有兩名地區人士出席面談,其中一人已支持該工程項目,另一人則仍堅持反對施工。

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在最近一次9月12日設管會第十一次會議上,路政署代表表示,由於仍有眾多地區人士反對擴闊通菜街行人路,故未能推薦把該工程項目列爲小規模工程。由於市建局及規劃署代表皆表示因職權所限,不能提出把該工程項目刊憲,議員已即席促請路政署盡早就此刊憲,但貴署代表回應指刊憲一事應由工程倡議人提出和表示會協助工程倡議人刊憲。

議員認爲路政署作爲負責管理道路設施的工務部門,實有責任把擴闊通菜街行人路工程項目刊憲,因此,設管會一致通過發信要求貴署盡快就該工程項目刊憲,以期工程及早展開。

特此致函貴署,盼能積極回應設管會的訴求。

油尖旺區議會地區設施管理委員會主席

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九龍聯運街三十號 旺角政府合署四楼 油尖旺區議會 地區設施管理委員會主席 (陳少棠主席)

陳主席:

### 要求把擴闊通菜街人路工程項目盡快刊蓋 (初步答覆)

本署於二零一三年十月十八日收到閣下十月十七日的來信,表達對題 述工程的關注。現證覆如下:

有關題述工程項目,本署並非工程的倡議人或執行部門,加上有公眾 人士,尤其是工程附近商戶有反對意見,因此,本署需要與相關部門(包括 發展局、規劃署以及市區重建局)舉行跨部門會議以擬定工程的執行方向。

符相關部門定出有關工程安排後,本署會盡快給予閣下詳細回覆。

如對上述事宜尚有任何查詢,歡迎隨時致電(2707 7203)與本署工程師 方偉鵬先生聯絡。

謝謝你的來信。

路政署總工程師/九龍



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二零一三年十月三十日

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油尖旺區議會轄下地區設施管理委員會第 59 /2013 號文件

## 2012 至 2015 年度油尖旺區議會 地區設施管理委員會

## <u>康樂及文化事務署</u> 就「要求全面檢視樂群街公園緩跑徑膠墊狀況」 所作的書面回應

就議員對樂群街公園緩跑徑廖墊狀況的關注,康樂及文化事務署(康文署)現謹覆如下:

- (1) 在過去1年內,康文署共接獲3宗關於改善樂群街公園緩跑徑膠 墊的意見。
- (2) 自去年 8 月更換緩跑徑膠墊後,康文署發現部份緩跑徑的膠墊有 鬆脫的情況,因此已要求相關工程部門跟進有關維修的工作;在 過去一年共進行了 3 次維修工作,以鞏固鬆脫及更換損壞的膠 墊,包括現時正進行維修一幅在樂群街入口近隧道位置,面積約 11 平方米的緩跑徑膠墊;預計有關工程可於本年九月底完成。
- (3) 有關工程部門現正積極跟進有關緩跑徑的維修工作,包括進行全面檢視公園緩跑徑的情況,如有需要,會在比較少雨水的月份進行重鋪膠墊的工作,以保障使用者的安全。

康樂及文化事務署 油尖旺區康樂事務辦事處 2013年9月 Chinese Version Only

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# 11th Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council

I refer to your facsimile of 2.9.2013.

2. Regarding the paper of 「建議於眾坊街至甘蕭街一段上海街行人路(遊樂場一面)增設擋雨上蓋」, my written reply is as follows:

"擬建擋雨上蓋的位置屬公眾行人路,本處並無意見。但建議須獲得相關部門(包括運輸署及路政署等)同意,同時須有合適部門負責其後的維修保養。

另外,由於有關行人路段位處中九龍幹線工程影響範圍內,相信路 政署會就中九龍幹線工程對建議工程的影響向地區設施管理委員會 直接交待。"

3. I regret that this office is not going to attend the meeting for this agenda item.

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(Ms Sandy SIN)
for District Lands Officer/Kowloon West

cc: CHE/K, HyD
CE1/MWPMO, HyD (Attn: Mr Roy LAM) w/ land status plan

油尖旺地區設施管理委員會第 60 / 2013 號文件 書面回應(3)

# 2012 至 2015 年度油尖旺區議會 地區設施管理委員會

### 路政署就 建議於眾坊街至甘肅街一段 上海街行人路(遊樂場一面)增設擋雨上蓋 所作的書面回應

有關設立避雨亭事宜/擋雨上蓋,並不是本署職能範圍。本署對有關的建議並無意見。

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油尖旺地區設施管理委員會第 60 / 2013 號文件 書面回應(1)

## 2012 至 2015 年度油尖旺區議會 地區設施管理委員會

建築署就 建議於眾坊街至甘肅街一段 上海街行人路(遊樂場一面)增設擋雨上蓋 所作的書面回應

### Written Reply

According to the discussion paper, we find that the proposed covered walkway is not fall within the jurisdiction of Architectural Services Department. Therefore, we are not in the position to provide assistant for this proposal.

參閱建議文件後, 我們發現建議增建的上蓋並非處於建築署所負責維修的範圍, 因此我們未能爲這建議提供協助。

油尖旺地區設施管理委員會第 61 / 2013 號文件 書面回應

# 2012 至 2015 年度油尖旺區議會 地區設施管理委員會

## 路政署就 加強旺角花墟道行人路照明 所作的書面回應

本署路燈部於2013年9月3日深夜到上址視察,該處光度基本合符標準,惟近花墟道18-22號及38-48號有帆布簷篷遮閉部分燈光,影響該處照明。帆布簷篷事宜已轉介屋宇署及食物環境衛生署跟進,待跟進完成後,本署路燈部會到上址再檢察照明的情況。

2013年9月

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# 2012 至 2015 年油尖旺區議會 地區設施管理委員會

油尖旺民政事務處 就「加強旺角花墟道行人路照明」 所作的書面回應

由於設置街道照明設施由路政署負責,本處已將有關加強旺角花墟道行人路照明的建議交予路政署跟進。

油尖旺民政事務處2013年9月10日