

**Extract from minutes of Legislative Council Members'  
Meeting with Eastern District Council Members  
on Thursday, 10 June 2004 at 10:45 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members Present** : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Convenor)  
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP  
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yeet, JP  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

**By Invitation** : **Eastern District Council members**

Ms TING Yuk-chee, Christina, BBS, JP (Chairman)  
Mr WONG Kwok-hing, MH (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr CHAN Bing-woon, SBS, JP  
Ms CHAN Kit-wing, MH  
Ms CHAN Oi-kwan  
Mr CHAO Shing-kie  
Mr CHU Wai-joe  
Mr HUI Ching-on  
Mr HUI Ka-hoo, MH  
Mr IP Chiu-shing  
Mr KONG Tze-wing, MH  
Mr KUNG Pak-cheung  
Ms LAM Chui-lin  
Mr LAU Hing-tat, Patrick  
Mr LEUNG Siu-sun  
Ms LEUNG Suk-ching  
Mr Mark K Y LI, ACSW, PhD  
Mr LO Sai-kwong  
Ms LO Tip-chun, MH  
Mr LO Wing-kwan, Frankie, MH  
Mr LUI Chi-man  
Mr MAK Shun-pong, MH  
Ms Melissa PANG  
Mr TO Boon-man  
Mr TSANG Heung-kwan  
Mr TSANG Kin-shing  
Mr TSO Hon-kwong  
Dr WONG Kam-din

Mr WONG Kin-pan  
Ms WONG Yuet-mui

**Staff in Attendance** : Mrs Constance LI  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 5  
  
Miss Lolita SHEK  
Senior Council Secretary (2)7

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**V. Siu Sai Wan Complex**

31. Ms LAM Chui-lin and Ms CHAN Oi-kwan said that the Government should be urged to expedite the construction of Siu Sai Wan Complex to meet the residents' pressing need for community facilities. Ms LAM and Ms CHAN added that residents in the district were very disappointed that the project, originally planned to be completed by 2002, had been deferred time and again due to the stringent financial condition of the Government. They urged LegCo to relay the request of EDC members and the residents to the Government.

32. Ms LAM Chui-lin suggested that the Government could invite the private sector to participate in the construction and management of Siu Sai Wan Complex as in the cases of the Kwun Tong Complex and Tseung Kwan O Complex. Ms LAM added that in case the Siu Sai Wan project was not commercially attractive to the private sector, it was the Government's responsibility to construct the Complex and provide community facilities to meet the residents' needs.

33. Ms CHAN Oi-kwan said that the residents in the Eastern District had high expectation that the Siu Sai Wan Complex would be constructed, as the project had been included in the Government Priority Project Programme. However, in response to EDC members' request for the expedition of the construction of the Complex, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) had advised that there would be two new community halls, which would be completed by early 2005 in the Eastern District, and they would meet the residents' demand for community hall facilities. HAD would have to review the usage of these two community halls before working out the long-term plan for the provision of community hall facilities in the district.

34. Ms CHAN said that it was not practicable for residents to use the facilities in community halls far away from their residence, and the two new community halls would not be able to meet the needs of the residents in Siu Sai Wan. With the demolition of Chai Wan Community Hall, there was already a severe shortage of community hall facilities in the area. She considered that the Government should not further delay the construction of Siu Sai Wan Complex.

35. Dr WONG Kam-din, Mr TSO Hon-kwong, Mr TSANG Kin-shing, Mr LUI Chi-man and Mr LO Sai-kwong supported that the Siu Sai Wan Complex should be constructed as soon as possible. Dr WONG Kam-din agreed that the Government should invite the private sector to participate in the project, and should not delay the project on the ground that there were financial constraints.

36. Mr TSO Hon-kwong and Mr LO Sai-kwong said that the population of Siu San Wan had increased considerably in past years, and adequate community facilities should be provided in the district to tie in with the development of the community. Mr TSO considered that there would be difficulties in providing community facilities after a community had already been fully developed. He said that the Government should learn from past experience and make forward planning in Siu Sai Wan. Mr LO added that the number of schools in the area had also increased by threefold since Siu Sai Wan Complex was first planned. He said that the Complex should be built without further delay, as there was a shortage of youth facilities in the area, particularly after the demolition of Chai Wan Community Hall.

37. Mr TSANG Kin-shing pointed out that when the two former municipal councils were dissolved in 2000, the Government had promised to delegate more powers to the District Councils (DCs). However, the Government had not kept its promise but had only allocated additional funds for DCs to sponsor community activities. He opined that adequate community facilities should at least be provided to the Eastern District and other districts in need.

38. Hon CHOY So-yuk supported the request of EDC members. The Convenor suggested that the views and request of EDC members be referred to the Panel on Home Affairs for consideration.

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## **Siu Sai Wan Joint User Complex**

The Siu Sai Wan Joint User Complex was one of the projects brought forward from the former Provisional Municipal Councils. The project was in its preliminary planning stage at that time. Tentatively, a number of user departments had indicated plans to provide services at the Complex. Details of the proposed facilities are appended at the Annex.

Under the stringent financial situation, we have critically reviewed the priority, delivery mode and implementation schedule of the active projects in hand. Having considered the shortfall of leisure and cultural services facilities and community hall in the new towns, distribution of facilities throughout the territory, facilities which are in heavy demand, and the financial capability to operate the facilities in the long term, the project could not be accorded priority for implementation in the meantime.

We have provided various types of leisure and cultural facilities in Siu Sai Wan area, such as Chai Wan Sports Centre, Chai Wan Swimming Pool and Chai Wan Public Library, which should be able to cope with the basic need of the local resident. In addition, the new Quarry Bay Community Hall and Aldrich Bay Community Hall will be completed for commencement of operation in early 2005. These two community halls will provide venues for local community activities including meetings of local organizations; social group and civic education activities; training courses; and celebration, recreation and sport activities. It is envisaged that the demand for community hall facilities will be met with the completion of these two new community halls.

We would regularly review the priority, implementation schedule and the mode of delivery of leisure and cultural services projects having regard to the changing economic situations and the long term financial capability in commissioning new facilities. We would also take into consideration the usage of the above two new community halls upon their opening when drawing up the long term plan on the provision of appropriate community hall facilities to the residents concerned.

## **Siu Sai Wan Joint User Complex**

### **Project Description**

**Siu Sai Wan Joint User Complex**

### **Proposed Development**

#### **Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

- a sports centre
- a small library
- an indoor heated pool

#### **Other Departments**

- Clinic (Hospital Authority)
- Residential Care Home for the Elderly, Integrated Family Services Centre (Social Welfare Department)
- Community Hall (Home Affairs Department)

#### **Communal Facilities**

- Carparks