

**Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of
Finance Committee (2020-2021)
Central and Western District Council**

Date : 2 July 2020 (Thursday)
Time : 2:32 pm
Venue : Conference Room
14/F, Harbour Building
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present:

Chairlady

Ms WONG Kin-ching, Cherry *

Vice-chairman

Mr PANG Ka-ho*

Members

Ms CHENG Lai-king *	
Mr YEUNG Sui-yin, Victor	(beginning of the meeting – 4:11 pm)
Mr KAM Nai-wai, MH*	
Mr HUI Chi-fung	(3:02 pm – 3:35 pm)
Mr NG Siu-hong	(2:36 pm – end of the meeting)
Ms NG Hoi-yan, Bonnie*	
Miss CHEUNG Kai-yin*	
Mr HO Chi-wang	(2:35 pm – end of the meeting)
Mr LEUNG Fong-wai, Fergus	(beginning of the meeting – 4:20 pm)
Miss YAM Ka-yi, Camille*	
Mr YIP Kam-lung, Sam*	
Mr WONG Weng-chi	(2:55 pm – end of the meeting)
Mr YOUNG Chit-on, Jeremy*	

Remarks: * Members who attended the whole meeting

() Time of attendance of Members

In Attendance:

Mr LEUNG Chee-kay, David, JP	District Officer (Central and Western)
Miss WONG Sze-ki, Carol	Assistant District Officer (Central and Western)
Ms YEUNG Wing-shan, Grace	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Central and Western District Office
Ms WONG Wai-yan, Agnes	Executive Officer (District Council) 2, Central and Western District Office
Mr CHAN Kwok-ying, Lawrence	Executive Assistant (District Council) 6, Central and Western District Office
Mr MOK Chi-kin, Jiv	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Central and Western District Office
Mr MAN Chi-chiu, Eric	Executive Officer (District Management) 1, Central and Western District Office
Miss YAU Ka-wai, Erika	Executive Officer (District Management) 2, Central and Western District Office
Ms CHU Lai-wan	Registered Social Worker, The Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council
Ms HUNG Ngai	Center in Charge (Service), Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Western District Integrated Social Service Centre
Ms TO Hiu-nam	Social Worker, Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Kwun Lung Lau Community Work Office
Ms CHAN Miu-lan	Social Worker, St. James Settlement C&W DECC
Ms CHEUNG Hoi-wah	Manager, St. James Settlement C&W DECC
Mr NG Wai-kei	Social Worker, HKSKH St. Matthew's Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
Mr WONG Hing-hei	Social Worker, Caritas Mok Cheung Sui Kun Community Centre
Mr LEE Kok-man	Convenor, Sai Yau Fitness Club
Ms TSANG Shin-ming	Volunteer, Sai Yau Fitness Club
Mr WONG Hung-tak	Project Manager, Wisdom Regeneration
Mr WONG Sze-chun	Project Assistant, Wisdom Regeneration
Dr Brian C H FONG	Associate Professor, The Academy of Hong Kong Studies, The Education University of Hong Kong
Mr WONG Kwun-nang, Andy	Project Manager, The Academy of Hong Kong Studies, The Education University of Hong Kong
Miss HUI Hiu-ling	Executive Assistant, The Academy of Hong Kong Studies, The Education University of Hong Kong

Ms LAI Yin-kit	Chairman, Yuet Sing Chinese Opera
Ms CHOI Man-na	Chairman, Yu Sum Chinese Opera Troupe
Ms HO Kim-yee	Secretary, The Standard Platform for Cantonese
Ms LI Mee-nar, Elina	Chairman, Elina Cantonese Opera Association
Ms CHENG Yuk-lan	Chairman, Choi Fung Cheung Opera Troupe
Ms CHENG May-kee	Event Coordinator, Chinese Arts and Culture Association
Miss NG Po-kuen	Chairwoman, Raines Cantonese Opera Troupe
Ms CHENG Shuk-man	Chairman, Cantonese Opera Art Study Association

Secretary:

Mr LEE Tin-chi, Cario	Executive Officer (District Council) 1, Central and Western District Office
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Opening Remarks

2. The Chairlady welcomed all to the meeting. She said the duration of meeting would not be longer than four hours where possible to avoid crowdedness. The meeting would not be open to the public and the Secretariat would only arrange basic manpower provision. Media workers and assistants to Members entering the conference room were required to register their real names and mobile phone numbers to facilitate tracing if necessary. The Chairlady also remarked that the number of observers would be limited owing to the small area of the conference room. People entering the conference room were required to have their temperature taken by an infrared non-contact electronic thermometer and were required to bring and wear their own masks. The Secretariat would not provide tea cups for hygiene purposes and only packaged drinks would be provided. The Chairlady indicated that there would be two rounds of discussion for each agenda item and each Member was allowed to speak for two minutes each time.

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

(2:33 pm)

3. The agenda was adopted.

Item 2: Confirmation of the minutes of the third FC meeting in 2020-2021

(2:33 pm)

4. The Chairlady indicated that as the Secretariat had received proposed revisions to the draft minutes by the deadline, the proposed revisions had been tabled at the meeting. If Members had no objection, the minutes of the meeting would be confirmed.

5. The Finance Committee (FC) confirmed the revised minutes of the third meeting.

Item 3: List of DC-funded activities under focus inspection

(C&W FC Paper No. 74/2020)

(2:34 pm)

6. The FC noted the table listing funded activities.

Item 4: Funding applications of C&WDC as well as the committees and working groups under C&WDC

(C&W FC Paper No. 75/2020 to 77/2020)

(2:35 pm to 3 pm)

7. The Chairlady invited Members to refer to Paper No. 75/2020. She stated that one application for the District Council funds and one application for funds under District Minor Works Project submitted by the District Council or a Committee and Working Group under the District Council would be considered.

(C&W FC Paper No. 76/2020)

8. The Chairlady invited Members to consider granting \$350,000 to the Cultural, Education, Healthcare, Leisure and Social Affairs Committee to implement “Festive Lantern Decoration in Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park, Belcher Bay Park and Hollywood Road

Park (2020/2021)”. The following guests were invited to the meeting:

Central and Western District Office	Executive Officer (District Council) 2	Miss WONG Wai-yan, Agnes
Central and Western District Office	Executive Assistant (District Council) 6	Mr CHAN Kwok-ying, Lawrence

9. Ms CHENG Lai-king asked if tender procedures would commence upon endorsement of the funding application. She asked other Members what action could be taken if the budget was inadequate to pay for the fee quoted or if no quotations were submitted by any contractors.

10. The Secretary said that as reported to Members at the third meeting of the FC, the Central and Western District Council (C&WDC) had been granted a total of \$3,380,000 as dedicated funding for cultural and arts activities for this year. As per Members’ enquiry about using the fund for other purposes, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) had replied prior to the meeting that it would exercise the best endeavour to accede to the requests of the District Council where possible. He said that this event was one of the cultural and arts activities. If Members would like to raise the budget to meet the requirement for implementation of cultural and arts activities for this year, adjustments could be made to the budget allocation for this year.

11. Mr KAM Nai-wai suggested that tender procedures commence first and the budgetary issues would be decided at a later stage upon submission of quotations by contractors. He indicated that the District Council had previously decided that the event would be scaled down. If the quotations obtained in this year were similar to that of previous years, the application could be further discussed by Members or additional fund could be allocated. Budgetary decisions made by Members should not be altered arbitrarily. Moreover, he suggested that the use of dedicated funding for cultural and arts

activities be discussed in the next meeting and details of implementation be further explored.

12. Miss WONG Wai-yan indicated that the Secretariat would invite quotations on the basis of a budget of \$350,000 previously approved by the FC. Given that the Mid-Autumn Festival was in early October this year and the work schedule was tight, the Secretariat would invite quotations as soon as possible. If the fees quoted by the contractors were higher than the amount allocated for this event and subject to Members' views, additional funds would be sought by circulation of paper and a new round of invitation to quotations would be conducted.

13. Mr KAM Nai-wai wondered why it was necessary to commence a new round of invitation to quotations. He had previously remarked that if the fees quoted of the scaled-down event still exceeded the amount of fund allocated, application for additional fund could be made. He enquired in what circumstances a new round of invitation to quotations was required.

14. Miss WONG replied that if no quotation was provided by contractors or the fees quoted exceeded the budgetary limit, adjustments had to be made to various items in the budget in accordance with the requirements of the Government. A new round of invitation was therefore required.

15. Mr KAM Nai-wai understood a new round of invitation to quotations was required in the event that no quotation was received. However, he did not understand why a new round of invitation to quotations was required if the fee quoted exceeded the budgetary limit.

16. Miss WONG responded that clarification would be sought after the meeting. In the event that a new round of invitation to quotations was not required, an application for additional funds would be made to Members by circulation of paper and the department would proceed with the tender procedures. (Post-meeting note: As the fees quoted by the contractors exceeded the budgetary limit, the Secretariat invited Members' consideration

of the request for additional funds by circulation of paper on 23 July and approval was not granted. The Secretariat would follow up on the application.)

17. The Chairlady asked the Secretariat to report the result to Members as soon as practicable.

18. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 77/2020)

19. The Chairlady invited Members to consider granting \$885,000 to the District Works and Facilities Management Committee to implement “Reparation and Improvement Works for Facilities in Central and Western District (2020-2021)”. She welcomed the following guests to the meeting:

Central and Western District Office	Senior Executive Officer (District Management)	Mr MOK Chi-kin, Jiv
Central and Western District Office	Executive Officer (District Management) 1	Mr MAN Chi-chiu, Eric
Central and Western District Office	Executive Officer (District Management) 2	Miss YAU Ka-wai, Erika

20. Ms CHENG Lai-king asked the pipes mentioned in “washing graffiti on the pipes in the harbourfront open space at Fung Mat Road” in the Paper were the recreational pipe facilities in WE Park or underground pipes in general and would like to know what the graffiti was.

21. Mr MAN Chi-chiu displayed to attendees photos showing the graffiti on the recreational pipe facilities in WE Park and recreational facilities covered by concrete paint

upon washing. Mr MAN said the works stated in the Paper were works that had been completed or were underway. The department received public complaints that there was graffiti in the park and thus handled the complaints according to the established procedures.

22. Mr YOUNG Chit-on said he had visited the Park and the colour of the facilities was previously grey. While he agreed that the Government handled the graffiti according to departmental procedures, the graffiti was not as awful as he expected. As such, he hoped that the Government could take the lead and allow interested and skilled youngsters to beautify the facilities. As the facilities were frequently used by parents and children, extremist, commercial or political elements should be avoided. He opined that the Government could consider beautifying the park and fostering creativity.

23. Mr KAM Nai-wai indicated that the department used concrete paint to cover the recreational facilities and graffitiists would probably draw on them again. He opined that it was a waste of money and time. He agreed that interested persons could be invited to beautify the facilities. The District Council could use its website to invite interested parties to submit their work for Members to choose so as to beautify the facilities. He said that graffitiists would not cover drawings of other people by their own drawings. However, they would probably draw again if the facilities were washed.

24. Miss YAM Ka-yi concurred with other Members that some facilities could be open to artists to demonstrate their creativity. She hoped that the department would employ some standards to restore the facilities. For instance, the same material should be used to cover the facilities or the facilities were repainted in the original colour to avoid inconsistency generated by different colours. She opined that painting could be conducted more artistically rather than just for covering the graffiti.

25. The Vice-chairman hoped that the information of the works could be presented in an Annex. As the information of the works was brief in the Paper, Members did not have a clear picture of the works. Moreover, he asked if the department could provide details of the breakdown and items in the budget so that Members were well informed of the relevant expenditure.

26. The Chairlady asked if any outstanding works would commence upon endorsement of the application.

27. Mr MAN indicated the works listed in the Paper were works that were implemented or had been completed in the last financial year and were used to illustrate the type of works under this project. He said that this funding application was lodged to prepare for the expenditure required for emergency repairs in the future and not for any expenses that had been incurred. A budget was therefore not available. He remarked that this application aimed to acquire funds to carry out emergency repair works where necessary. In the event that no emergency repair works were carried out, the funds would not be used. He continued that Members had endorsed funds for emergency repair works for April to June in the second meeting of the FC. The purpose of this funding application was to seek funds for emergency repair works for the remaining quarters of this year. As per the graffiti on the pipes in the harbourfront open space at Fung Mat Road as mentioned by Members, Mr MAN said that various activities and exhibitions were held at the recreational facilities and the project would not pose any impacts on the colour and structure of the facilities. The original design of the recreational pipes was concrete pipes in their original state. However, the department received comments requesting beautification of the pipes. In his opinion, Members could strike a balance between the original state and beautification of the facilities. Members could collect the views of residents and the department, being the manager of the venue, would adopt an open attitude to different views. He continued that he shared the views of Miss YAM. The department had used concrete paint with the original colours of the concrete pipes to cover the graffiti. However, the colour of some concrete became lighter due to prolonged exposure in sunlight. The photos displayed were taken in January this year and their colours probably looked alike at present. The department would relay the comments concerned to the works division. The material concerned would be painted during the works in the future to prevent a striking contrast.

28. Ms CHENG Lai-king enquired in the event that local people were invited to beautify the existing grey concrete pipes, she wondered if the project could be funded under the Community Involvement Project and incorporated into the item of cultural and arts

activities.

29. Mr MAN indicated that it was more appropriate for the activity to be funded under the Community Involvement Project because design activities could not be held to attract the public to submit design drawings according to the Guidelines for Implementing District Minor Works Project. However, after a preliminary design was received, it could be considered that funds under the District Minor Works Project could be used for painting.

30. The Secretary indicated that it was more appropriate to use funding under the Community Involvement Project to organise activities and attract the public to submit design drawings. However, the expenditure on the works concerned could not be funded under the Community Involvement Project. The views of the department concerned could be sought where necessary.

31. The FC endorsed the funding application.

Item 5: Funding applications of the local organisations of the Central and Western District

(C&W FC Paper No. 78/2020 to No. 89/2020)

(3 pm to 4:02 pm)

32. The Chairlady invited Members to consider Paper No. 78/2020. At this meeting, 10 funding applications involving \$273,092 would be considered. The Chairlady reminded Members to declare interests prior to the discussions of the applications if they had any interest in these applicant organisations.

(C&W FC Paper No. 79/2020)

33. The Chairlady invited Members to consider granting \$17,300 to the Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council to implement "Adventure Couple". She welcomed the following guest to discuss Paper No. 79/2020 to No. 80/2020.

The Hong Kong Catholic Registered Social Worker Ms CHU Lai-wan
Marriage Advisory Council

34. The Vice-chairman indicated that Paper No. 79/2020 and 80/2020 were applications both submitted by the Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council. However, these two Papers stated that the applicant organisation were established under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance and the Companies Ordinance respectively. He therefore asked if the organisation was registered under different ordinances.

35. Ms CHENG Lai-king reminded Members to make reference to the Annex to Paper No. 78/2020 that conveyed the comments of the Social Welfare Department on various funding applications and if the applications were supported.

36. Ms CHU Lai-wan responded that the discrepancy occurred because the application forms of the two activities were filled out by different staffers. In fact, the organisation was registered under both section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance and the Companies Ordinance.

37. Mr YIP Kam-lung opined that the public and Members would be confused by the inconsistency in the information of the application forms submitted by the same applicant organisation. While he did not intend to criticise the management performance of the applicant organisation, he hoped the organisation could state clearly that it was registered under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance in future applications. If it was established under the Companies Ordinance, it would probably be deemed as a profit-making organisation and different considerations would be made during consideration by Members.

38. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 80/2020)

39. The Chairlady invited Members to consider granting \$8,480 to the Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council to implement "Beyond...2020".

40. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 81/2020)

41. The Chairlady said the Secretariat had received a notification from the applicant organisation to withdraw this funding application. As such, this application would not be discussed at this meeting.

(C&W FC Paper No. 82/2020)

42. The Chairlady invited Members to consider granting \$47,630 to the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Western District Integrated Social Service Centre to implement "'Small Space Big World' Community Support Project 2020". She welcomed the following guest to attend the meeting:

Hong Kong Young Women's Centre in Charge Ms HUNG Ngai
Christian Association Western (Service)
District Integrated Social
Service Centre

43. Mr YIP Kam-lung indicated that the Paper had not provided the details of distribution of tickets. The target participants were adolescents, students and low-income families. He enquired about how enrolment would be made, the eligibility of participants and if the activity was open to the public.

44. Ms HUNG Ngai responded that the Centre had kept a list containing information on low-income households and households not living in public housing and not receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). The information was originated from the first term of the Community Care Fund. The organisation would review the list annually to ensure the list comprised only low-income households by checking, for instance, that if a household had received full grant of School Textbook Assistance and was not residing in public housing, monthly income of the family had not exceeded a prescribed level and so on. Furthermore, she said information would be provided by the Community Care Fund and the relevant database for this year. The organisation would

provide services according to the name list.

45. Ms CHENG Lai-king asked if the payments made by the participants were used to pay for tutor fees and expenses for snacks and drinks.

46. Ms HUNG replied that the entire programme was non-profit-making. All the payments received would be used for expenses for tutors, snacks and drinks and so on.

47. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 83/2020)

48. The Chairlady invited Members to consider granting \$28,746 to the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Kwun Lung Lau Community Work Office to implement "Caring Community Project". She welcomed the following guest to the meeting:

Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Kwun Lung Lau Community Work Office	Social Worker	Ms TO Hiu-nam
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49. Mr YIP Kam-lung indicated that he did not have comments on the activities under application save for an item "Neighbourhood Tour" in which 50 participants would be involved. He asked the Secretary if the District Council funds could be used to subsidise a tour.

50. The Secretary responded that the District Council funds could be used to subsidise expenses for tours. However, if the participants were not the underprivileged, the subsidy of the District Council could only be used for transportation and publicity. This funding application aimed to obtain reimbursement for coaches and visit fees and was therefore in line with the relevant requirement.

51. Mr YIP Kam-lung asked if the target participants of this activity were residents of Kwun Lung Lau.

52. Ms TO Hiu-nam indicated that as the Centre was located in Kwun Lung Lau, the activities would likely to be held in the Centre. However, the target participants were all the residents of Central and Western District.

53. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 84/2020)

54. The Chairlady invited Members to consider granting \$25,278 to St. James Settlement C&W DECC to implement “Never Retire – Bazaar Experience Scheme 2020”. She welcomed the following guests to the meeting:

St. James Settlement C&W DECC	Social Worker	Ms CHAN Miu-lan
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St. James Settlement C&W DECC	Manager	Ms CHEUNG Hoi-wah
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55. Mr WONG Weng-chi enquired about the venue of the activity.

56. Ms CHENG Lai-king said the activity should be held in Central and Western District. She asked the organisation if the bazaar would be held by another organisation and the applicant organisation would join it or the bazaar would be arranged by the applicant organisation itself.

57. Miss CHEUNG Kai-yin indicated that one of the expenditure items listed in the budget was for hiring stalls in the bazaar. She would like to be informed of the venue and the way the activity would be conducted. If the organisation joined the bazaar held by another organisation, she would like to know the details of the activity.

58. Mr YIP Kam-lung indicated that the cost of printing 400 sheets of A5 publicity

leaflet was \$320 and the price was higher than the general market prices. He would like to the organisation to give information on the venue for the printing and the details concerned.

59. Ms CHAN Miu-lan replied that she was aware a bazaar had been held in Central and Western District and she had taken part in the bazaar on behalf of another organisation. If a bazaar was held in Central and Western District by another organisation, some stalls would be hired by the organisation to carry out this activity. Otherwise, the organisation would probably hold a small-scale bazaar or apply for a temporary hawker licence and set up mobile stalls. She continued that \$320 for printing A5 publicity leaflets were a quotation received online. The leaflet was designed by staffers of the Centre.

60. Mr YIP Kam-lung indicated that the website of a printing company showed that the price of printing 600 sheets of A5 leaflets was \$295 and questioned the amount of \$320 under application. He supported the organisation's idea to allow more elderly people to enjoy bazaar activities. The District Council had previously held bazaars such as Fall/Winter Sheung Wan Promenade and Western Wholesale Food Market Flea Market cum Carnival. If the applicant organisation could inform the FC of the organisation holding the bazaar which the applicant organisation would join, it was easier for the FC to determine whether the application should be approved.

61. Mr WONG Weng-chi enquired about the organisation holding the bazaar which the applicant organisation would join and the number of stalls to be hired.

62. Ms CHAN responded that the fund would appropriately be used to print the leaflets depending on the actual circumstances. She said if the organisation was eligible to hire a stall in a bazaar organised by the District Council, it would apply for participation in the activity if time permitted. As bazaars were usually held during weekends, the organisation would apply for hiring one stall having regard to the physical conditions of 20 elderly participants. Each elderly participant would man the stall for about two to three hours.

63. Ms CHENG Lai-king said that the Winter/Fall Sheung Wan Promenade last year was cancelled due to social incidents. The District Council was considering if the event would be held this year. The Secretariat might invite all the non-government organisations (NGOs) in the district to hire the stalls at low prices at that time. The Working Group on Concern over Bazaar Policy would have a meeting later and explore the feasibility of holding a bazaar in autumn or winter in the district.

64. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 85/2020)

65. The Chairlady invited Members to consider granting \$18,462 to HKSKH St. Matthew's Neighbourhood Elderly Centre to implement "Board Games and Arts Activities for Dementia Patients". She welcomed the following guest to the meeting:

HKSKH St. Matthew's	Social Worker	Mr NG Wai-kei
Neighbourhood Elderly Centre		

66. Ms CHENG Lai-king asked if the activities would include all the tabletop games and if the artwork would be displayed in the exhibition of the organisation.

67. Mr YIP Kam-lung said the Paper stated that the activities involved arts designs and tabletop games. He supported the use of tabletop games to prevent the elderly from suffering from dementia and hoped that the representative of the organisation could explain the activity to Members.

68. Mr NG Wai-kei responded that the words "Arts" and "Tabletop" stated in the names of the activities stood for harmonious and colourful arts concepts and tabletop games respectively. Besides, the activity provided home-based services to assist dementia patients and elderly with minor brain damage by provision of cognitive training. Tabletop games were popular again in recent years. The organisation would select suitable tabletop games for the participants according to their level and interest with a view to encouraging them to use their brains more frequently. He said the cognitive ability of many elderly

people living alone was good but their limbs were weak and therefore could not go to the Centre to take part in the activities. In this activity, trained volunteers would provide home-based training and encourage participants to use their brains more actively by simple tabletop games. Furthermore, the organisation would display the pastel drawings of the participants suffering from dementia in MTR stations for the public to enjoy.

69. The FC endorsed the funding application.

70. The meeting was chaired by the Vice-chairman.

(C&W FC Paper No. 86/2020)

71. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$37,730 to Caritas Mok Cheung Sui Kun Community Centre to implement “‘From Our Hearts 2020-2021’ Community Involvement Programme”. He welcomed the following guest to the meeting:

Caritas Mok Cheung Sui Kun Community Centre	Social Worker	Mr WONG Hing-hei
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72. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 87/2020)

73. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$20,000 to Sai Yau Fitness Club to implement “Calisthenics and Running Course”. He welcomed the following guests to the meeting:

Sai Yau Fitness Club	Convenor	Mr LEE Kok-man
Sai Yau Fitness Club	Volunteer	Ms TSANG Shin-ming

74. Mr HUI Chi-fung declared interest. According to his knowledge, some members of the registered society, Sai Yau Fitness Club, were members of the Democratic Party. He asked the Chairlady to rule if the seven members of the Democratic Party at the meeting

should leave the meeting.

75. The Chairlady asked the seven Members of the Democratic Party if they were in an executive capacity in the Club.

76. Mr HUI Chi-fung responded that seven Members of the Democratic Party at this meeting were in a nominal capacity. However, some members of the Democratic Party were in an executive capacity in Sai Yau Fitness Club. He therefore opined that there was a conflict of interest and they should withdraw from the meeting. However, he respected the decision of the Chairlady.

77. The Chairlady said in accordance with the guidelines, if a Member was in a nominal capacity and not an office-bearer in an organisation, he could take part in discussion, decision and voting. However, if the Members concerned would like to withdraw from the meeting and did not take part in discussion and voting, she respected their choice.

78. Mr KAM Nai-wai indicated that non-political organisations closely related to District Councillors usually did not apply for the District Council funds in the past. He was only aware at this meeting that a member of the Democratic Party was the responsible person of an applicant organisation. He suggested that other Members handle this funding application in the same way as other applications. He indicated that the FC had previously decided not to grant funds to the Area Committee appointed by the Government not because of its members who came from political organisations but because of its strong political nature. In the past, organisations with affiliation with District Councillors did not apply for the District Council funds not because of prohibition by the District Council Ordinance but because of avoidance of suspicion. If the District Council decided not to allocate funds to various Area Committees, government organisations concerned or local organisations formed by the pro-establishment camp, funds should likewise not be granted to an organisation in which members of the Democratic Party were key office-bearers. He said he would not take part in the voting for this application of this applicant organisation. As an experienced District Councillor for years, he would like to remind Members of the

tradition of the C&WDC not to grant funds to an organisation relating to a District Councillor. He said a similar case was discussed in the third meeting of the FC and the same standard was applied.

79. Miss YAM Ka-yi was aware that Members with background of political party expressed their concern. As such, she asked the applicant organisation if it could take into account Members' consideration and discuss with its members who were related to the political party. She indicated that the FC could defer the consideration of the application pending the decision of the applicant organisation on whether the application should be further processed or withdrawn upon its internal discussion.

80. Mr YIP Kam-lung declared interest. He said one of the executive members of Sai Yau Fitness Club had been an executive member of an organisation established by him. However, this organisation had been dismissed. He asked if any conflict of interest was involved.

81. The Vice-chairman indicated that no conflict of interest was involved.

82. Mr YIP Kam-lung continued that he agreed with Miss YAM's suggestion. He suggested that the representative of Sau Yau Fitness Club discuss with the Club if the application was withdrawn.

83. The Vice-chairman said that it was not necessary for Mr HUI Chi-fung to leave the meeting because Members of the Democratic Party at the meeting were not members of the applicant organisation and no interest was involved. Besides, the District Council Standing Orders and guidelines on funding allocation of the FC did not require a Member to declare interest if his organisation had a member who was in an executive capacity of the applicant organisation. As such, Members could make their own decision on whether they would withdraw from the meeting and he respected their decisions. Furthermore, he said the District Council of this term had already formulated new standards and practices which had not, however, been laid down in the guidelines. Members would stick to these principles and had discussed and endorsed the decision in the last FC meeting to avoid the

aforesaid suspected conflict of interest. He asked the applicant organisation if it would like to defer the application or would respond otherwise.

84. Mr LEE Kok-man replied that the relevant executive member of the Democratic Party was responsible for clerical duties and was not a tutor or volunteer. As such, the member would not be granted any fund. As per the proposed deferral of the application, he said the applicant organisation could consider arranging a person who was not a member of the Democratic Party to carry out the clerical duties. He agreed that this application be deferred.

85. The Vice-chairman responded that the point was not the duties performed by the member in the organisation. The principles that had previously been adopted by the District Council were applicable when the application was lodged. Moreover, he indicated that if Members did not have comments on the deferral of the application as requested by the organisation, the organisation was welcome to refer to the website of the District Council and submit the application again for the next meeting of the FC after the organisation made an internal decision about the application.

86. The FC did not handle this funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 88/2020)

87. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$49,466 to Wisdom Regeneration to implement “Work Towards a Green Community”. He welcomed the following guests to the meeting:

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| Wisdom Regeneration | Project Manager | Mr WONG Hung-tak |
| Wisdom Regeneration | Project Assistant | Mr WONG Sze-chun |

88. Mr YIP Kam-lung declared interest. He said he and the applicant organisation had previously applied for fund from the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to hold anti-epidemic activity. He asked if there was a conflict of interest.

89. The Vice-chairman replied that there was no conflict of interest if a Member was not a member of the applicant organisation. He said that he and other Members had cooperated with the organisation concerned but were in a nominal capacity. As such, no declaration of interest should be made.

90. Mr WONG Hung-tak made a supplement of the venue of the activity. He said the organisation originally intended to apply for a venue of the LCSD for the activity. However, the LCSD notified him by email earlier on that the processing of the application concerned was suspended until further notice. As such, the organisation considered using the Western District Public Cargo Working Area and the unoccupied area outside the office of the organisation as a backup venue. While it would endeavour to use the venue of the LCSD if possible, it hoped that Members would understand the venue could probably not be hired.

91. Mr YIP Kam-lung indicated he did not comprehend the reason for the LCSD to reject the use of the venue by the environmental organisation. He said WE Park was managed by the C&WDO. If other venues were not available, he asked if the C&WDO could hire out WE Park for the activity or assist in seeking an explanation from the LCSD for refusing to hire out the venue.

92. Mr David LEUNG, DO(C&W), replied that the group gathering ban was still currently in force. As the number of participants under application was greater than the number of people permitted under the group gathering ban, the hire of venue would be subject to the effectiveness of the ordinance concerned and the relevant details on the day of the activity. If the group gathering ban was still in force, it would be difficult for the C&WDO to let the organisation use the proposed venue.

93. The Chairlady indicated that according to her knowledge, the activities applying for District Council funds were made in terms of project. She did not understand why expenses for Mandatory Provident Fund for staffers were included in this application. She asked if the expenses for Mandatory Provident Fund for long-term staffers under application should be rejected.

94. Miss YAM Ka-yi said Mr David LEUNG attributed the refusal for the use of the venue to the group gathering ban. However, the activity was scheduled to be held between September and November. If the group gathering ban was no longer effective at that time, she asked if the C&WDO could let the organisation to use the venue.

95. Mr YIP Kam-lung was puzzled by Mr David LEUNG's reply to Members and the organisation by making reference to the group gathering ban. He said group gathering ban was devoid of a scientific basis. If Members and organisations were prohibited from using venues of the department or the LCSD used this excuse to reject applications for using its venues, it was beyond his comprehension. While he understood the epidemic was severe, the scheduled use of the venue was between September and November and no one could foretell if the group gathering ban would be still in force at that time. He opined that the group gathering ban was not an adequate justification for rejection of the use of the venues. He asked if the LCSD did not hire out the venue and group gathering ban was not taken into account, he asked if the C&WDO would allow the organisation to use venues under its management such as WE Park.

96. Mr David LEUNG responded that it was difficult to predict if the group gathering ban would still be in force in coming months. However, he stressed that the C&WDO should comply with the group gathering ban. In the event that the group gathering ban was no longer effective upon mitigation of the epidemic, the department could consider allowing the applicant organisation to use the venues under the management of the C&WDO.

97. Mr HO Chi-wang said some of the applications previously approved involved more than 50 people and asked if these funding applications should be rejected. He was concerned that the District Council would violate the group gathering ban if the group gathering ban was still effective when the activities were held.

98. The Secretary indicated that according to the Manual on the Use of District Council Funds, staff cost could be reimbursed subject to a ceiling of 25% of the total fund endorsed. The definition of staff cost was the cost incurred in employing additional

temporary staffers for an activity or overtime allowance for existing staffers for running the activity.

99. Ms CHENG Lai-king indicated that 1 500 people would be involved according to the estimation stated in the application form. As there were three sessions of the activity, she asked if 500 people were involved in each session. She asked whether the organisation would hold 30 sessions for the activity if the group gathering ban permitting a maximum of 50 people was still effective. She enquired how the organisation would handle the activity if the group gathering ban was still in force.

100. Mr YIP Kam-lung said the group gathering ban restricted gathering of over 50 people. However, the pro-government groups had no regard for the group gathering ban and held demonstration, showing that they changed rules arbitrarily to suit their agenda. He expected that participants would not go to the venue at the same time and believed that 1 500 participants would not cause a problem. He reiterated that the question lay in whether the department would hire out the venue to the organisation.

101. Mr WONG Weng-chi indicated that he could not predict when the group gathering ban would be lifted. He suggested that the FC endorse the fund first to facilitate preparation by the organisation.

102. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 89/2020)

103. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$20,000 to the Education University of Hong Kong to implement “Hong Kong Studies Experiential Walking Tours: Set off from the Central and Western District”. He welcomed the following guests to the meeting:

The Education University of Associate Professor Dr Brian C H FONG
Hong Kong

The Education University of Hong Kong Project Manager Mr WONG Kwun-nang,
Andy

The Education University of Hong Kong Executive Assistant Miss HUI Hiu-ling

104. The Vice-chairman supported the funding application because the number of activities involving artefact, history, philosophy and education in Central and Western District was small. The society neglected the local political history of Hong Kong. He opined it was worthwhile to support the activity.

105. Mr YIP Kam-lung said that as the activity involved experiential walking tours in Central and Western District and recount of local culture, he wondered if the application could be funded by the dedicated funding of \$3,380,000 for cultural and art activities.

106. Mr LEUNG Fong-wai said he would like to ask the same question raised by Mr YIP.

107. The Secretary said the content of the activity was more like civic education. If a local organisation submitted an application of cultural and arts activity, the activity would be put under an application for dedicated funding. However, the number of NGOs that would submit applications for cultural and arts activities could not be predicted. If Members were of the view that the nature of the application was cultural and arts, the application could be put under the dedicated funding.

108. The Vice-chairman indicated that the address of the organisation was in Tai Po rather than in Central and Western District. He therefore asked Members if discretion should be exercised to endorse the funding application.

109. Ms CHENG Lai-king asked how the 40 participants of the activity would be recruited and if there would be a venue for enrolment in the district.

110. Mr WONG Weng-chi concurred with the notion of the experiential walking tour.

Many residents in the district wanted to understand the features and culture of the district and he encouraged the organisation to hold more similar activities. The District Council could implement projects on the city and history of the district in collaboration with the organisation in the future.

111. Mr KAM Nai-wai supported more activities exploring culture, history and arts in the district. He said that organisation could carry out more projects and hold activities featuring various themes. He remarked that many funds under the dedicated funding for cultural and arts activities had been allocated to singing and Cantonese operas in the past and opined that a balanced development should be supported. He welcomed the Education University of Hong Kong to promote activities pertaining to history in the district. He said applications of applicant organisations with addresses outside Central and Western District were rejected not because of their addresses. It was hoped that target participants benefitted were residents in the district.

112. Dr Brian C H FONG responded that the university lodged the application to the C&WDC because the district was rich in important historical stories and building culture. The Academy of Hong Kong Studies of the Education University of Hong Kong had adopted a syllabus stressing experiential learning and planned different experiential walking tours in various districts. He hoped that a small-scale experiential walking tour could be launched as a pilot scheme to expound the culture of the political history of Hong Kong. It was hoped that more projects could be carried out after drawing experiences from this activity. The target participants of this activity were residents of Central and Western District and it was hoped that 20 residents could be recruited for each of the two experiential walking tours to experience the history of the Central and Western District. If this activity was well received, the University hoped that it could co-operate with the C&WDC in the future. If Members and the department were of the view that the Academy of Hong Kong Studies of the Education University of Hong Kong could render assistance, they could reach the Academy at any time to explore various modes of co-operation. Moreover, since this was the first time the Education University of Hong Kong applied for the District Council funds, only a maximum of \$20,000 could be applied for. As the activity would be publicised on social media and by posters, he would like to explore

the feasibility of dissemination of information of the activity with the assistance of the Secretariat and Members. It was important that residents of Central and Western District would benefit and have a better understanding of the history of Central and Western District.

113. Mr WONG Weng-chi asked how tour guides were trained in the activity. He said some students of the Chinese University of Hong Kong had endeavoured to organise similar experiential walking tours in various districts but they had not submitted any application. Besides, he was aware that other people would like to conduct similar experiential walking tours in other districts. He asked if the organisation could render assistance.

114. Dr FONG responded that the Academy of Hong Kong Studies currently focused on providing experiential courses for secondary and university students. As this activity was a small-scale pilot project, the Academy of Hong Kong Studies would assign tutors and young scholars to act as tour guides. The organisation considered training residents of Central and Western District as tour guides to explain the history of the district subject to availability of resources in the future.

115. The FC endorsed the funding application.

Item 6: Funding applications of arts and cultural activities

(C&W FC Paper No. 90/2020 to No. 98/2020)

(4:02 pm to 4:09 pm)

116. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider Paper No. 90/2020. There were totally 8 arts and cultural funding applications involving \$160,000. He said these funding applications had been approved at the third meeting of the Cultural, Education, Healthcare, Leisure and Social Affairs Committee on 11 June and asked Members to declare interests where necessary.

(C&W FC Paper No. 91/2020)

117. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$20,000 to Yuet Sing Chinese Opera to implement “Melodious Chinese Opera Show in the Central and Western District”. He welcomed the following guest to the meeting:

Yuet Sing Chinese Opera Chairman Ms LAI Yin-kit

118. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 92/2020)

119. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$20,000 to Yu Sum Chinese Opera Troupe to implement “Chinese Operatic Songs Concert”. He welcomed the following guest to the meeting:

Yu Sum Chinese Opera Troupe Chairman Ms CHOI Man-na

120. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 93/2020)

121. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$20,000 to the Standard Platform for Cantonese to implement “Cantonese Opera Performance for the Community”. He welcomed the following guest to the meeting:

The Standard Platform for Secretary Ms HO Kim-ye
Cantonese

122. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 94/2020)

123. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$20,000 to Elina Cantonese Opera Association to implement “Cantonese Operatic Songs Concert”. He welcomed the following guest to the meeting:

Elina Cantonese Opera
Association

Chairman

Ms LI Mee-nar, Elina

124. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 95/2020)

125. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$20,000 to Choi Fung Cheung Opera Troupe for \$20,000 to implement “‘The Legend of Purple Hairpin’ by Choi Fung Cheung Opera Troupe”. He welcomed the following guest to the meeting:

Elina Cantonese Opera
Association

Chairman

Ms CHENG Yuk-lan

126. Ms NG Hoi-yan indicated that the representative of the organisation had failed to explain why Choi Fung Cheung Opera Troupe shared the same correspondence address with the Chinese Arts and Culture Association at the last meeting of the Cultural, Education, Healthcare, Leisure and Social Affairs Committee. She had reservation on the interest of these two organisations and would cast an abstention vote for this funding application.

127. Ms CHENG Yuk-lan replied that the address of the organisation had been in Central and Western District for over several decades and she had moved to reside in the correspondence address stated in the Paper. The Chinese Arts and Culture Association had hired another Ms CHENG as a co-ordinator. The same correspondence address of Choi Fung Cheung Opera Troupe was used to facilitate collection of mails.

128. The FC endorsed the funding application with one abstention vote of Ms NG Hoi-yan and zero against vote.

(C&W FC Paper No. 96/2020)

129. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$20,000 to Chinese Arts and Culture Association to implement “Cantonese Opera Extravaganza”. He welcomed the following guest to the meeting:

Chinese Arts and Culture
Association

Event Coordinator

Ms CHENG May-kee

130. Ms NG Hoi-yan indicated that as the organisation failed to explain the interest of two organisations using the same correspondence address, she would also cast an abstention vote for this application.

131. The FC endorsed the funding application with one abstention vote of Ms NG Hoi-yan and zero against vote.

(C&W FC Paper No. 97/2020)

132. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$20,000 to Raines Cantonese Opera Troupe to implement "Classic Cantonese Operas". He welcomed the following guest to the meeting:

Raines Cantonese Opera Troupe Chairwoman

Miss NG Po-kuen

133. Ms CHENG Lai-king said that the Paper stated that the payment for three performers was \$3,000 in total and the tutor's fee was a maximum of \$300 per one hour. She asked if a ceiling was applicable to the payment of the performers.

134. The Secretary responded that the Manual on the Use of Central and Western District Council Funds stipulated that the maximum hourly fee for one tutor was \$300. However, there was no ceiling for the subsidies of performers because different performers would be invited according to the nature of activities. As such, it was difficult to lay down a uniform ceiling.

135. The FC endorsed the funding application.

(C&W FC Paper No. 98/2020)

136. The Vice-chairman invited Members to consider granting \$20,000 to Cantonese Opera Art Study Association to implement "Cantonese Opera Show in the Central and

Western District 2020". He welcomed the following guest to the meeting:

Cantonese Opera Art Study Chairman Ms CHENG Shuk-man
Association

137. The FC endorsed the funding application.

Item 7: Inspection of DC-funded activities

(4:09 pm to 4:12 pm)

138. The Vice-chairman indicated that the C&WDO was required to assign staffers to inspect the following activities organised by the applicant organisation which had submitted the funding application for the first time pursuant to the Manual on the Use of Central and Western District Funds:

FC Paper No.	Name of Activity	Applicant Organisation
FC Paper No. 89/2020	Hong Kong Studies Experiential Walking Tours: Set off from the Central and Western District	The Education University of Hong Kong

139. The Vice-chairman indicated that not fewer than one-third of the following 16 activities would be drawn. In other words, six activities would be monitored. The activities drawn were as follows:

FC Paper No.	Name of Activity	Applicant Organisation
FC Paper No. 94/2020	Cantonese Operatic Songs	Elina Cantonese Opera

	Concert	Association
FC Paper No. 92/2020	Chinese Operatic Songs Concert	Yu Sum Chinese Opera Troupe
FC Paper No. 98/2020	Cantonese Opera Show in the Central and Western District 2020	Cantonese Opera Art Study Association
FC Paper No. 85/2020	Board Games and Arts Activities for Dementia Patients	HKSKH St. Matthew's Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
FC Paper No. 93/2020	Cantonese Opera Performance for the Community	The Standard Platform for Cantonese
FC Paper No. 84/2020	Never Retire – Bazaar Experience Scheme 2020	St. James Settlement C&W DECC

Item 8: Any other business

(4:12 pm to 4:40 pm)

140. The Vice-chairman indicated that Members had enquired at the third meeting of the FC if the dedicated funding of \$3,338,000 for cultural and arts activities allocated to the C&WDC for this year could be used for other purposes. The Secretariat had made enquiries of the HAD after the third meeting of the FC and a reply had been made to Members earlier on.

141. The Secretary supplemented that the HAD hoped that the amount of allocation

by the C&WDC to cultural activities would reach \$3,380,000 this year so that the objective of the dedicated funding could be achieved. Mr KAM Nai-wai had previously suggested that this subject be discussed at the fifth meeting of the FC when the information on the use of dedicated funds was available. Furthermore, as various Committees and Working Groups would discuss activities for this year, the Secretariat would report the use of dedicated funding in the next meeting subject to consent of Members and Members could determine the use of the remaining funds.

142. Mr YIP Kam-lung indicated that culture and arts could be perceived from a wider perspective. He cited a cultural activity “Role Play” in Yau Tsim Mong District as an example. He concurred with Mr KAM Nai-wai’s suggestion and opined that feasibility of large-scale events including subculture and pop culture and music held by the District Council could be explored and discussed at the next meeting depending on the amount of remaining fund used under dedicated funding for cultural and arts activities. As such, the District Council could organise more enriching cultural activities other than festive events. He suggested, for example, that the District Council organise exhibitions in collaboration with tertiary institutes in Hong Kong. He hoped that the Secretariat would clarify the definition of “culture and arts” and if the definition was limited to some types of activities.

143. Ms CHENG Lai-king said the Working Group on Central and Western District Council Affairs chaired by her would have a meeting and the Working Group was going to hold “Spring Cantonese Opera Show” and “Central and Western District New Year’s Eve Countdown” which were also cultural activities in the district involving \$250,000 and \$500,000 respectively. Popular artists had been invited for the events in the past. However, other performers would probably be invited to cut cost in this year. If Members had their comments on the activities, they could express their ideas to her. In addition, she said the Working Group on Elderly Service had discussed activities held in this year earlier on and arts activities such as “Arts Day for the Elderly” had been proposed to allow performances and stall activities conducted by groups and elderly people in the district.

144. Mr KAM Nai-wai suggested that street performers could be invited to perform in the Winter/Fall Sheung Wan Promenade to replace performances on a large stage. He

also suggested that the Working Group on Concern over Bazaar Policy and other Working Groups consider inviting street performers to incorporate arts features in their activities. A large stage was also not essential for the activities. He proposed that funds under the dedicated funding for culture and arts be designated for street performances and various Committees and Working Groups could apply for the funds. As such, the element of street performance could be incorporated into various activities.

145. Mr David LEUNG responded that there was no precise definition of culture and arts. As such, a tolerant approach would be adopted in the calculation of the dedicated funding of \$3,380,000 for cultural and arts activities. An activity relating to culture and arts could be included.

146. The Secretary said that as various Committees and Working Groups would discuss the use of District Council funds in coming meetings, the Secretariat would make a report on the latest information on the use of the dedicated funding at the fifth meeting of the FC and Members could decide the use of the remaining funds.

147. The Vice-chairman said that he had received a request from the Working Group on Healthy Community for increasing the budget from \$350,000 to \$500,000 for activities in the Health Festival of the Central and Western District. He asked Members if they agreed to increase the fund and discuss from which item the fund would be withdrawn.

148. The Secretary indicated that the Working Group on Healthy Community had a meeting previously. The members had gone through the budget for the Health Festival for the last year and agreed that it was difficult to organise a major event with just \$350,000. As such, it was hoped that the FC would allocate an additional \$150,000 to the Working Group and discuss under which item the additional fund would be made.

149. Ms CHENG Lai-king asked Members if they agreed, in addition to allocation of additional fund, that she wrote to other organisations in the capacity of the Chairman of the District Council to seek assistance. She cited examples of the Health Festival, Winter/Fall Sheung Wan Promenade and new year's eve events that were sponsored by the HKJC and

other non-government institutes last year. She could write to these institutes to seek sponsorship assistance subject to Members' consent with a view to lessening the possibility of using funds under the Community Involvement Project.

150. Other Members at the meeting did not raise any objection.

151. The Secretary said that he could assist in searching the organisations which had sponsored activities last year. He asked the fund from which item would be withdrawn if Members agreed to grant an additional \$150,000 to the Working Group on Healthy Community.

152. Ms CHENG Lai-king asked if some of the remaining funds had not been allocated during the fund allocation discussions at the third meeting of the FC.

153. The Secretary replied that during the fund allocation discussions at the third meeting of the FC, Members agreed that the remaining funds would be put under the item of NGO application and the budget was about \$1.9 million. Together with the funds endorsed at this meeting, a total of approximately \$700,000 had been allocated in this financial year. According to previous experiences, the remaining fund of about \$1.2 million was adequate to fund the activities of NGOs for the remaining months.

154. Miss YAM Ka-yi said that being the Chairlady of the Working Group on Healthy Community, she had enquired of the HKJC about sponsorship assistance. The financial year of the HKJC concluded between June and July and she was notified that the result of sponsorship would be available in September this year at the earliest. She anticipated that the income of the HKJC would drop significantly due to the epidemic. Even the HKJC agreed to sponsor the activity, the amount of sponsorship would not be able to cover a significant part of the expenses. As such, she asked Members to consider allocating some funds to the Working Group on Healthy Community.

155. Mr KAM Nai-wai agreed that if a Working Group anticipated a financial difficulty upon discussion, it could request the FC to increase allocation of funds and the

FC would consider the request depending on the nature of the activity of the Working Group. For instance, activities implemented by the Working Group on Healthy Community were especially necessary during the epidemic and under the tyrannical rule. He opined that \$1.9 million under the item of NGO application was definitely adequate for use by other Working Groups. Besides, he noticed that the Chairlady of the District Council had received a letter from the HAD enquiring if the Area Committee under the HAD and other government organisations could apply for the District Council funds. He said Members had decided in previous meetings that approval of funds would not be granted to them and the District Council had no authority to stop any lawful and eligible organisations to apply for the District Council funds. However, the FC had adopted motions to clearly state the position of Members and this position remained unchanged. He opined that the Government could allocate funds to the organisations it had appointed and there was no need for them to apply for the District Council funds. He said the FC would not allocate the funds under the item of NGO application to the Area Committee under the department or other government organisations. Funds would be allocated to organisations in need in the district.

156. Mr YIP Kam-lung agreed to allocate funds under the item of NGO application to the Working Group on Healthy Community. He understood that the HKJC would probably encounter financial difficulties but he believed that the Lotteries Fund of the Government was financially sound and asked if the Working Group could solicit assistance of the Lotteries Fund. In his opinion, as the Lotteries Fund had sponsored the construction of quarantine camps, it should be able to sponsor other health activities.

157. Ms CHENG Lai-king said the letter previously sent by the HAD as mentioned by Mr KAM Nai-wai was addressed to her. It was stated in the letter a decision had been made by Members in the third meeting of the FC allowing local organisations to apply for funds under the Community Involvement Project. She was asked if local organisations comprised the Area Committee and local organisations of the department and if the decision had superseded the motion passed in the second meeting of the FC. She had clearly stated to the former District Officer that all eligible organisations could apply for the District Council funds and 15 Members would discuss and vote if a funding application

was approved. She would ask staffers of the Secretariat to reply to the HAD together with the minutes of the third meeting confirmed at this meeting and elucidate that all the eligible organisations including Area Committee were welcome to submit applications for the District Council funds. Members would consider the applications individually and vote to decide if the applications were approved. The results were not determined by her alone.

158. The Secretary concluded that Members were not opposed to allocation of an additional \$150,000 to the Working Group on Healthy Community and the fund would be drawn from the item of NGO application. If sponsorship from other institutes could be secured in the future, the remaining fund would be returned to another item.

159. Ms CHENG Lai-king indicated that NGOs in the district had organised a variety of activities in collaboration with the Committees under the C&WDO such as the District Co-ordination Committee on New Arrival Services in Central and Western District. She hoped that dedicated funding for cultural and arts activities could be used to organise arts sharing days for minority groups in collaboration with organisations in the district. She said she had participated in the activities and women of minority group put drawings like tattoo on participants. She hoped that more similar activities could be held in Central and Western District.

160. The Chairlady said the former District Officer had carried out street cleaning services in the district and reserved about \$1 million for anti-epidemic measures for this year. She asked if Mr David LEUNG would continue with street cleaning or he had new ideas on anti-epidemic measures for this year.

161. Ms CHENG Lai-king asked if the department had deployed resources other than the District Council funds to clean streets. For instance, Members were enquired about black spots of hygiene for additional cleaning last year. She said that in the preceding financial year, the District Council allocated around \$1.3 million to clean streets and purchase anti-epidemic products such as masks and hand sanitisers at the beginning of this year. She asked Members how \$1 million anti-epidemic fund reserved for this financial year should be used. For example, the fund could be used in cleaning streets and

collection of samples of tear gas.

162. Mr KAM Nai-wai asked if there was any substantive plan for the \$1 million anti-epidemic fund reserved for this financial year. He suggested that Members' views on substantive plans be sought by circulation of papers so that the plans could promptly be implemented. The funds concerned could be approved at the next meeting of the FC to prevent the funds from being unutilised. He said according to past experiences, funds would probably not be fully used if projects were not endorsed at the meetings between September and October. Furthermore, time was needed to carry out the relevant tasks. As such, he suggested that questionnaires be disseminated to enquire if Members had any substantive plans in mind. Moreover, the FC had previously decided that funds would not be approved for the Area Committee under the department and the local organisations concerned. However, he opined that the District Council could hold different activities with NGOs that had previously co-operated with the organisations concerned. For instance, arts activities and various activities could be held for minority groups and new arrivals respectively and IT activities could be organised for people in need in the district. It was hoped that the Chairlady of the District Council could reach the NGOs concerned for holding activities pertaining to fire safety, information technology, new arrivals, traffic safety and so on. It was not necessary for the organisations appointed by the Government to hold these activities. He hoped that plans for the activities concerned could be available prior to the next meeting and funding applications could be submitted. He requested the Secretariat to search for information of the NGOs which had jointly organised activities with the committees under the department and local organisations. The Chairlady of the District Council could reach the organisations concerned and plan different activities.

163. The Vice-chairman indicated that as the suggestion came out of the blue, Members needed time to contemplate various options to use the fund. As per seeking of Members' views by circulation of papers as suggested by a Member, he said if Members would like to hold activities and use the fund expeditiously, they should pay heed to the time and dates of different meetings so that they could submit discussion papers on organisation of activities in collaboration with NGOs and the use of the budget of \$1 million designated for anti-epidemic measures.

164. Mr KAM Nai-wai suggested that different Working Groups have meetings promptly and submit their plans of suggested activities in the next meeting, otherwise activities could not be completed and fund could not appropriately be used upon the conclusion of the financial year. He indicated that he could not comprehend why the department had not arranged the full-time contract staffers of the District Council to assist in operating the equipment for Facebook Live. He opined that operation of the equipment only required focusing on speakers and zooming in and out. No professional skill was required. It was hoped that the Working Group on Information Technology could render assistance. He said if the Secretariat stated that the contract staffers could not help out, their contracts should not be renewed in the future. He would also submit a paper to discuss if the relevant contract staffers should be hired.

165. The Vice-chairman hoped that Members would come up with various options to use the fund and discuss their plans in the coming `meetings.

Item 9: Date of the next meeting

(4:40 pm)

166. The fifth meeting of the FC in 2020-2021 would be held on 8 October 2020. The deadline for funding applications would be 15 September 2020.

167. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

The minutes were confirmed on 8 October 2020

Chairlady: Ms WONG Kin-ching, Cherry

Secretary: Mr LEE Tin-chi, Cario

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