

**Minutes of the First Meeting of the
Seventh Term of the Central and Western District Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

Date: 4 January 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Central and Western District Council Conference Room
14/F, Harbour Building
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present:

Chairman

Mr LEUNG Chee-kay, David, JP

District Officer (Central and Western)

Members

Dr WONG Sin-man, Mandy

Mr NG Yin

Mr LUI Hung-pan

Mr LEE Chi-hang, Sidney, MH

Mr QIU Song-qing, MH

Ms JIN Ling, MH

Mr SHIH Jan Noel

Mr WU Man-hin

Dr ZHANG Zong

Ms CHEUNG Ka-yan

Dr CHAN Kin-keung, Eugene, SBS, BBS, JP

Dr FUNG Kar-leung

Mr YOUNG Chit-on, Jeremy

Mr YEUNG Hoi-wing

Mr YEUNG Hok-ming, MH

Mr YIP Wing-shing, SBS, BBS, MH, JP

Mr IP Yik-nam, JP

Ms CHIU Wah-kuen, MH

Mr LAU Tin-ching

Mr LAW Kam-fai

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District Officer (Central and Western)

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Miss TSE Wing-ka, Angel

Assistant District Officer (Central and Western)

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Miss CHUNG Wan-tsz, Panda

Senior Liaison Officer (Building Management)2,
Central and Western District Office

Ms HUI Man-wai

Chief Health Inspector (Central/Western)3, Food
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Senior Liaison Officer (Community Liaison),
Central and Western District Office

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Mr MOK Chi-kin, Jiv

Senior Executive Officer (District Management),
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Mr WONG Ka-chun, Tommy

Executive Officer (District Management)1,
Central and Western District Office

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Mr LEUNG Chee-kay, David, JP

District Officer (Central and Western)

In Attendance:

Mr WONG Wai-shun

District Commander (Central District), Hong
Kong Police Force

Mr WONG Wai-nam

Police Community Relations Officer (Central
District), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr LEUNG Lincoln

District Commander (Western District), Hong
Kong Police Force

Mr WAN Fu-kwan

Police Community Relations Officer (Western
District), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr WONG Chun-kin, Tommy

Chief Engineer / South 3, Civil Engineering and
Development Department

Mr FUNG Kin-kei

Acting District Environmental Hygiene
Superintendent (Central/Western), Food and
Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms HUI Man-wai

Chief Health Inspector (Central/Western)3, Food
and Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms LEE Suk-han

Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong West),

Ms LO Man-nin, Patty	Leisure and Cultural Services Department District Leisure Manager (Central and Western), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr FU Ting-hong, Derek	Acting Chief Transport Officer / Hong Kong
Miss TSE Wing-ka, Angel	Assistant District Officer (Central and Western)

Secretary:

Miss YANG Ching-sin, Angela	Acting Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Central and Western District Office
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Item 1: Welcome Message by the Chairman and Appointment of Secretary of the C&WDC

(10:00 am – 10:02 am)

2. The Chairman declared commencement of the first meeting of the Seventh Term of the Central and Western District Council (C&WDC) and welcomed all DC Members (Members) and guests. He said that in order to identify the attendees, staff of the Secretariat would check the staff cards of every person entering the Conference Room, and obtain their respective business cards. Media reporters and assistants to Members should register their real names and mobile phone numbers for the Secretariat's record. In addition, he suggested that each discussion item should be proceeded in the format of "four-minute question-and-answer inclusive" for a more effective discussion. Representatives present were reminded to deliver speeches and give responses as concise as possible, so as to reserve sufficient time for government officers to reply.

3. As per section 69 of the District Councils Ordinance (the Ordinance), the Chairman declared appointment of Senior Administrative Officer (District Council), Central and Western District Office (C&WDO) as the Secretary of the C&WDC (the Secretary).

Item 2: Registration and Declaration of Interest by DC Members

(10:02 am – 10:03 am)

4. The Chairman reminded Members to furnish the Secretary with particulars of their registrable interests by using the sample registration form provided for in the Central and Western District Council Standing Orders (the Standing Orders) within one month from the commencement of each term, which would be by 31 January 2024. Members should furnish the Secretary with particulars of any subsequent change in such registrable interests within 14 clear working days of any such change. The register of Members' personal interests should be uploaded to the website of the C&WDC for public viewing, and should be made available for inspection by any person during the office hours of the Secretariat.

5. The Chairman explained the guidelines on registrable and declarable personal interests as set out in Part B of the Standing Orders, and said that any failure to comply with the relevant provisions might constitute misconduct under the performance monitoring mechanism for Members.

Item 3: Committees and Working Groups under the Seventh Term of C&WDC

(C&WDC Paper No. 1/2024)

(10:04 am – 10:09 am)

6. In the capacity of the Chairman of C&WDC, the Chairman appointed the following four committees (Committees) to perform various duties of the C&WDC, namely (a) the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC); (b) the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC); (c) the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC); and (d) the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC). The Chairman advised that the term of office of the Chairmen or Vice-chairmen of the aforementioned committees would be two years, until 31 December 2025.

7. The Chairman also appointed two standing working groups (WGs) and two non-standing WGs. The two standing WGs were (a) the WG on Boosting Local Economy; and (b) the WG on Concern over Development of a Historic Town District and Heritage Conservation. The term of office of the two standing WGs was tentatively until 31 December 2024. The two non-standing WGs were (c) the WG on Concern over Development of the Central & Western District Harbourfront; and (d) the WG on Concern over Urban Renewal. The term of office of the two non-standing WGs was tentatively until 31 August 2024. The terms of reference of the Committees and WGs were detailed in Annexes 1 to 8 of the paper. The Secretariat had invited Members to join the aforementioned Committees and WGs during the preparatory meeting on 29 December 2023. The corresponding lists of Members were set out in Annex 9 of the paper.

8. In accordance with orders 71, 72 and 87(1) of the Standing Orders, the Chairman declared appointment of the following Members as Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Committees and WGs:

Mr YIP Wing-shing	Chairman of the DFWC
Mr IP Yik-nam	Vice-chairman of the DFWC
Mr YEUNG Hok-ming	Chairman of the FEHC
Mr LUI Hung-pan	Vice-chairman of the FEHC
Mr LAW Kam-fai	Chairman of the CICRC
Mr LEE Chi-hang, Sidney	Vice-chairman of the CICRC
Mr YOUNG Chit-on, Jeremy	Chairman of the TTC

Mr YEUNG Hoi-wing	Vice-chairman of the TTC
Ms CHEUNG Ka-yan	Chairman of the WG on Boosting Local Economy
Ms JIN Ling	Chairman of the WG on Concern over Development of a Historic Town District and Heritage Conservation
Mr NG Yin	Chairman of the WG on Concern over Development of the Central & Western District Harbourfront
Dr ZHANG Zong	Chairman of the WG on Concern over Urban Renewal

The Chairman asked Members to take note of the paper.

Item 4: Schedule of Meetings for the C&WDC and its Committees in 2024

(C&WDC Paper No. 2/2024)

(10:09 am – 10:13 am)

9. The Chairman declared, in accordance with sections 26(2) and 27 of the Standing Orders and Paper No. 2/2024, the criteria for scheduling meetings of the C&WDC and its Committees, and the meeting arrangements in 2024.

10. The Chairman reminded all Members to attend meetings of the C&WDC. Members' annual attendance rate at meetings of the C&WDC, its Committees and WGs should not be lower than 80%. Members were obliged to attend meetings punctually and avoid leaving an ongoing meeting. Besides, Members' attendance record would be made available for public inspection. For details, Members might refer to the Performance Monitoring Guidelines for Members of the District Councils (the Guidelines). The Chairman further reminded Members to comply with the attendance requirements, and carefully assess their own capabilities before joining any Committees or WGs.

11. Pursuant to orders 64 and 65, and Annex 4 of the Standing Orders, the Chairman reminded that Members who could not attend a meeting due to discharge of public duty or sickness, etc. were required to submit an application to the Secretariat prior to the commencement of the meeting. A medical certificate should be enclosed with the application for absence from a meeting on the ground of sickness. The C&WDC should only give consent to applications for absence filed on the grounds of sickness, attendance at a meeting or an activity on behalf of the C&WDC, or other reasons deemed reasonable by the C&WDC, such as attendance at a meeting or an activity, etc. of the Legislative Council or an advisory body or organisation appointed by the State or the Government.

12. A Member would be disqualified from holding office as a Member for the remainder of his term of office if he did not attend meetings of the C&WDC for four consecutive months (disqualifying period) without obtaining the consent of the C&WDC before the end of that period. Absence from meetings twice or more per year without reasonable excuses might constitute misconduct. The Chairman asked Members to comply with the attendance requirements and to take note of the paper.

Item 5: “Meet-the-Public Scheme”

(C&WDC Paper No. 3/2024)

(10:13 am – 10:14 am)

13. The Chairman gave a briefing on the paper, stating the objectives and arrangements of the “Meet-the-Public Scheme.” Pursuant to section 18(1) of the Guidelines, Members should participate in the “Meet-the-Public Scheme” to be held weekly and be on duty at the C&WDC Office according to the rosters agreed by the Chairman. The “Meet-the-Public Scheme” of the Central and Western District (C&W District or District) would start from 9 January 2024 from 6 pm to 8 pm every Tuesday at the Kennedy Town Community Complex Conference Room. Members would be on duty in pairs. Members would be notified of changes in meeting arrangements including date, time and venue. The Secretariat would not arrange staff to be on duty to provide secretarial service. Where necessary, Members might arrange their assistants to be on duty as well. The Chairman reminded Members to affix in their ward offices the dates they would be on duty.

14. The Chairman asked Members to take note of the paper.

Discussion Items

Item 6: Study on Issues of Community Concern and Collection of Public Views

(C&WDC Paper No. 4/2024)

(10:14 am – 10:28 am)

15. The Chairman invited Miss TSE Wing-ka, Assistant District Officer (Central and Western) to give a briefing on the Paper. Miss TSE highlighted the function of the C&WDC in collecting public views for the Government, the issues of community concern, and the frequency and requirements of collecting public views.

16. Mr YEUNG Hok-ming, Ms JIN Ling and Mr SHIH Jan Noel enquired whether there was any guideline for the means of collecting views on various social issues and the content of views to be collected. Dr WONG Sin-man also questioned whether there were

any regulations to be observed when collecting views. Mr YIP Wing-shing asked whether Members might collaborate with Care Teams when collecting views.

17. Miss TSE said that the rosters for Members' collection of views had been attached to the Paper as Annex 1. While there was no strict requirement for the means of collecting views, she encouraged interviewing members of the public from various sectors and strata, so as to reflect public opinions more comprehensively.

18. The Chairman added that Members might collect public views by the means they consider the most appropriate, but should include public views from as many different strata as possible. He also encouraged Members to collaborate with Care Teams. Where necessary, Members might also submit a copy of the drafted questionnaire to the Secretariat for reference. In the meantime, the Chairman appointed Dr WONG Sin-man to assist with the formulation of guidelines for collecting public views.

Item 7: Concrete Proposals for Launching the following Activities before Lunar New Year:

- (a) Caring Campaigns in 18 Districts with Care Teams**
 - (b) Year-end District Clean-up Campaigns with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**
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(C&WDC Paper No. 5/2024 and C&WDC Paper No. 6/2024)

(10:28 am – 11:16 am)

19. The Chairman welcomed Miss CHOI Wing-yee, Senior Liaison Officer (Community Liaison), C&WDO, Miss CHUNG Wan-tsz, Senior Liaison Officer (Building Management)², C&WDO, and Ms HUI Man-wai, Chief Health Inspector (Central/Western)³, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the meeting. The Chairman then invited Miss CHUNG and Ms HUI to brief on the papers.

20. Miss CHUNG gave a briefing on Paper No. 5/2024 about the Caring Campaign to be co-launched by the C&WDC and Care Teams.

21. Ms HUI gave a briefing on Paper No. 6/2024 about the Year-end District Clean-up Campaigns and the operation details. She said that the FEHD would like to invite Members to inspect the aforesaid clean-up operation together, hence evaluating its effectiveness. Invitations would be sent out after the meeting.

22. Mr YEUNG Hoi-wing agreed that Members should collaborate more with Care Teams and deliver messages to residents during the visits, ensuring effective communication

between the Government and the people. For instance, Members might remind residents that Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) charging would come into effect in 2024. He asked for information regarding MSW charging, and particulars of the lots included in the Second Phase, so Members might look into the effectiveness of the operation during regular district visits. He said he had received reports from some residents about the strong odour emitted from public toilets. He thus suggested that further clean-up operations be carried out in public toilets managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), apart from those under the FEHD.

23. The Chairman said that the C&WDO had been discussing the matter of MSW charging with the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), hoping to furnish Care Teams and Members with a brief. Members might then promote government policies during home visits.

24. Ms LEE Suk-han, Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong West), the LCSD said that the Department had taken note of the Clean-up Campaigns of the FEHD, and would complement the relevant operation.

25. Ms HUI said that the Department would liaise with and arrange Members to inspect the spots to be cleansed together.

26. Ms JIN Ling raised a question about the means of calculating relevant key performance indicators (“KPIs”), and asked whether alternative formats of home visit would be acceptable. For example, given that it might be rather difficult to arrange “in-house” home visits with residents in the Peak area, whether Members would be allowed to meet those residents elsewhere.

27. The Chairman said he understood that the situation in the Peak area had been rather exceptional. If Members could not accumulate sufficient visits in the area whatsoever, leeway would be given in handling the matter, for example, by means of service transfer that allowed Members to pay home visits outside the Peak area.

28. Dr FUNG Kar-leung said quite some residents in the District reflected that, in recent years, the FEHD had frequently carried out street cleansing in the morning rush hour, during which pedestrian walkways were being closed and residents were often tripped over by water hoses. He enquired whether the FEHD had any guideline as to the timing and means of street cleansing. He also said he reckoned that street cleansing was usually completed within a short period of time, which was thus ineffective.

29. Ms HUI said that the aforementioned comments would be taken into account in the

Year-End District Clean-up Campaigns. The FEHD would contact Members after the meeting for follow-up.

30. Mr YIP Wing-shing said that the hygiene condition and hygiene black spots of each sub-district varied. He suggested Members and Care Teams prepare in advance a checklist specifying the District's hygiene conditions so that the FEHD might perform clean-up operations more effectively.

31. Ms CHEUNG Ka-yan said that there had been quite some black spots of dog fouling in the District, in which strong odour was emitted from the accumulated excreta. On the other hand, moss growth was found on some ramps and staircases in the District, which might also endanger the safety of pedestrians. She asked if Members might furnish the FEHD with a checklist of these spots to be taken into account in upcoming clean-up operations.

32. The Chairman agreed and would arrange the Secretariat to gather checklists of hygiene black spots from Members for the FEHD's follow-up.

33. Mr SHIH Jan Noel agreed to the mode of carrying out the Caring Campaign, and said that the occasion would enable residents to be acquainted with newly elected Members. He also enquired about the means of distributing cleansing packs and whether Care Teams had been notified of the relevant arrangement. Besides, he agreed that clean-up operations should not be scheduled during the rush commuting hours in the morning and the evening whenever practicable. On the other hand, he hoped that the Government would conduct publicity work well, thus promoting public awareness to the implementation of clean-up campaigns.

34. Miss CHUNG responded that the means of collecting cleansing packs remained flexible. To avoid transporting materials to too many locations, convenience for various parties was paramount. Hence, the C&WDO would further discuss with Members on the plan of collecting cleansing packs. She also replied that the particulars of relevant operations had yet to be provided to Care Teams. However, she said that Care Teams had been paying district visits since their inauguration in September 2023, and hence been gathering considerable information about the households concerned. She called upon Members to contact their respective Care Team as soon as possible, whereas the Secretariat and the C&WDO would cooperate with Members in providing more information.

35. Mr YOUNG Chit-on said that he was grateful for the series of Government-led operations. But he cited Ms JIN Ling's speech and pointed out that it had been equally difficult to visit private properties outside the Peak area, so he hoped that the Chairman might

allow Members to handle the matter flexibly. He raised an example that he had co-organised large-scale events with Dr FUNG Kar-leung before, such as used clothes recycling, receptions and sports camps. While the events had attracted residents to participate, materials were distributed to residents on the occasions. He also hoped that the Chairman and the Government would understand that situation did vary from area to area. For instance, some constituencies might anticipate distribution of materials from Members, whereas some others might hope to give out materials on occasions like used clothes recycling. Based on his past experience, he opined that the most important purpose of a home visit was to be able to reach out to residents. If the matter could be proceeded flexibly, for instance, to organise one centralised event for the whole district, its potential outreach would definitely exceed 25 households as stipulated in the KPIs.

36. The Chairman said that it would be ideal to actually pay home visits since some information could only be obtained upon actual observation of the home environment. He also said he understood that home visits might be difficult in some areas, so he hoped that Members would attempt to pay as many visits as possible first. Alternative means should only be considered when difficulty arose along with the process.

37. Mr IP Yik-nam said that most Members, including himself, had participated in the work of Care Teams. He asked whether there were any special operation guidelines, and in what capacity they should act when participating in the events. He further enquired whether the pairing arrangement set out in Annex 1 would also be applicable to subsequent large-scale events and publicity campaigns, apart from the present round of home visits. Regarding the Year-End District Clean-up Campaigns, he suggested the FEHD provide a checklist of target locations for Members' comments before street cleansing. He expressed concerns over bird droppings. He said that apart from public toilets, bird droppings in other public spaces, especially parks, were also serious. He hoped relevant departments would provide more information and follow up on the circumstances as soon as possible.

38. Miss CHUNG responded to the question regarding Members' capacity to act and said that Members would partner with Care Teams in the District Caring Campaign. While members of Care Teams were expected to observe a set of regulations when rendering district service, Members might also refer to relevant regulations for proper handling of the matter. Besides, the pairing list in Annex 1 was only applicable to the present Caring Campaign and the distribution of cleansing packs. Further discussions could be made if Members deemed it fit to collaborate with Care Teams on subsequent occasions.

39. The Chairman replied that he welcomed the provision of a checklist of black spots of bird droppings for follow-up.

40. Ms HUI said that the FEHD had always been concerned over bird droppings, and had allocated a lot of resources into cleaning up black spots, such as the Central Market. The Government would amend statutes to prohibit feeding of wild animals, including wild birds. She invited Members to the hearing of the LegCo Bills Committee to be convened on 19 January 2024.

41. Dr ZHANG Zong said that whether the C&WDO might provide the contact information of Care Teams so that Members might commence work as soon as possible. He enquired whether it was necessary to decide, by 10 January 2024, the specific date and time of home visits, as well as the designated households to be visited. If a household had been designated a month in advance, members of that household would then be bound to wait at home. Given that it was still early and residents' personal schedule might change later, inconvenience might be brought to residents' daily life if the visit was to be conducted strictly in accordance with the plan set out a month in advance.

42. Miss CHUNG replied that the contact information of Care Teams would be furnished later so that connections could be made as soon as possible. Besides, she understood that Members might not be able to submit all information and implement relevant details by 10 January. She thus asked Members to try their best to do so by the deadline.

43. Dr CHAN Kin-keung cited Mr XIA Baolong and the Chief Executive and made the point that Members should be people-oriented and refrain from "showmanship through photo-taking." He said he strongly agreed to the suggestion of home visits. In addition, public views should also be listened and responded to in the first place. He said that the impact of the Clean-up Campaigns on members of the public should be minimised as much as possible. He pointed out that clean-up operations were being conducted by the Government on a daily basis, so the C&WDC should take a leading role in subsequent publicity campaigns, thus improving public perception of the Government via media. He also opined that boosting the economy was the top priority of the C&WDC. To better align with the Government's objectives, the advantages of the C&W District should be put in good use.

44. The Chairman said he acknowledged the practical difficulty of home visits. But during the visits, Members might observe the actual living environment of members of the public, and reach out to those who were usually hard to reach. Hence, home visits did have values. He said it was certainly a good thing for Members to reach out to members of the public. He thus encouraged Members to build up connections beyond the 25 households required by the KPIs. As for publicity, the Chairman said that the Home Affairs Department had been frequently creating posts and uploading press releases onto online social media platforms, such as Facebook. He would welcome Members' views on any other suitable means of publicity.

45. Mr LAW Kam-fai said he learnt that he had been paired up with Sai Ying Pun Care Team in the Caring Campaign. Using himself as an example, he enquired whether visiting households outside Sai Ying Pun would be counted towards the KPIs. He further questioned whether cases requiring follow-up during the visits should be reported to the Secretariat for centralised management, or should be followed up by Members themselves. He continued to ask whether there were milestones for the present campaign, such as providing support to singleton elderly and families of elderly doubleton.

46. The Chairman responded that he hoped Members would follow the instructions on the division of work, as he expected residents in the District to equally enjoy the service based on a reasonable division of work among Members. However, he welcomed Members to pay extra visits apart from fulfilling the assigned targets.

47. Miss CHUNG responded that if Members received requests for assistance during home visits, they might first collect relevant information and refer it to the Secretariat or related institutions for follow-up. As for the milestones of home visits, she responded that Care Teams had already learnt the actual circumstances of the District upon commencement of service, including the households who required special care, such as singleton elderly and new arrivals. Thus, Members might take note of relevant information when identifying target households and offer assistance to those in greater need.

48. Mr LEE Chi-hang said that he was a Care Team member. He pointed out that those singleton elderly and disadvantaged whom he was able to reach all approached Care Team on their own initiative. In fact, many of the persons in need would not approach Care Teams proactively. On the other hand, Government departments, such as the Social Welfare Department, had kept an extensive record of particulars of these persons. He mentioned that previous DCs had approached various Government departments seeking cooperation. However, the departments had all refused to furnish the record on the ground of protecting personal privacy. He said that Care Teams and Members would be very happy to reach out to communities in need, so he hoped that the departments would provide relevant information for more efficient and effective follow-up.

49. The Chairman said that personal privacy was indeed a matter of concern, but he would discuss with the Social Welfare Department and other relevant departments on whether it was feasible to arrange persons in need to sign a letter of consent to authorise Care Teams for reaching out.

50. Mr YEUNG Hok-ming suggested circulating information about Care Teams to residents via the Social Welfare Department or other elderly services providers, so as to

facilitate those in need to proactively approach Care Teams. He said that a KPI for Care Teams stipulated the target of 400 to 500 households to be visited. He enquired whether the households visited in this Campaign would be counted towards the aforesaid KPI.

51. The Chairman responded that the number of households visited in the present Campaign would be counted separately from Care Teams' KPIs. He also agreed it was a feasible suggestion to proactively provide information about Care Teams to persons in need. The Chairman declared closure of this discussion item.

Item 8: Concrete Proposals for Activities to Promote Local Economic Development

(C&WDC Paper No. 7/2024)

(11:16 am – 11:50 am)

52. The Chairman invited Miss CHOI Wing-yee, Senior Liaison Officer (Community Liaison), C&WDO to give a briefing on the paper. Miss CHOI then briefed on the proposal of "C&W District Sparkles: Vivid and Vibrant Vibes Through the Day and Night Bazaar".

53. Mr NG Yin expressed support for the C&WDO's proposal. He enquired whether the C&WDO would consider making use of new media (such as "Xiaohongshu") to expand the event's publicity in attracting more participants. He also enquired whether the C&WDO would consider operating the bazaar in the long run and what preparations would be made accordingly.

54. Miss CHOI responded that the C&WDO would make use of Facebook as a publicity channel, and would consider promoting the event to tourists via "Xiaohongshu." She also pointed out that the event "Sheung Wan Promenade" had been held in Central and Western District in previous years. If the outcome of the proposed event was satisfactory, the C&WDO would consider organising it again next year.

55. Ms JIN Ling opined that the C&WDO should strengthen the event's publicity, and pointed out that not all residents knew about the proposed event. She said, in light of the fact that events were being organised in other districts to boost local economy, the event organised in the C&W District should highlight the District's characteristics, such as its rich historical and cultural heritage and its longstanding status as the political, cultural and economic centre of Hong Kong. She suggested introducing stalls that sell distinctive cultural and creative products, and that upon spending a certain amount of money at the bazaar, members of the public might join guided tours to the District's attractions, or locales that were not publicly accessible (such as police station and fire station), thus promoting public understanding of the District's characteristics.

56. The Chairman welcomed views on introducing stalls that sell distinctive cultural and creative products. He suggested Ms JIN Ling furnish the C&WDO with contact information of the relevant stalls for follow-up by the C&WDO and the WG on Boosting Local Economy. The Chairman added that there had been a tradition of organising bazaars in the District. If this suggestion could not be implemented in the proposed event, it might still be considered in the future.

57. Mr YEUNG Hoi-wing learnt that many shop tenants were concerned over their deteriorating businesses after the COVID-19 pandemic. He welcomed the Government's campaign of organising events in various districts to boost local economy. He said that the venue of the proposed event had recorded high visitor flow, and he suggested the C&WDO add distinctive "photo-taking" attractions there, attracting members of the public to visit and spend during the evening hours. He also pointed out that the venue was in the vicinity of the distinctive "Dried Seafood Street" in the District. Hence, he suggested that apart from inviting shop tenants on "Dried Seafood Street" to set up stalls at the bazaar, the C&WDO could collaborate with the tenants to allow bazaar visitors to purchase goods from their shops on "Dried Seafood Street" at a discount, which would help promote the business of the shop tenants there.

58. Miss CHOI responded that the C&WDO was considering staging evening performances at the venue, such as the "Luminous Dragon Dance" and traditional lantern making, to attract visitors to take photographs. She also added that, since "Dried Seafood Street" had been one of the distinctive features of the C&W District, stalls selling dried seafood would be set up at the bazaar. As for the proposed collaboration with shop tenants on "Dried Seafood Street," she responded that the C&WDO would need to further look into the matter.

59. Mr LEE Chi-hang said that stalls selling distinctive local snacks were generally more appealing, thus proposing an increase in the number of snack stalls in the event to attract more visitors. He reminded the C&WDO that the event might give rise to noise complaints from residents nearby. Some might even feel disturbed as the event would be held from day to night. He suggested the C&WDO invite residents and incorporated owners of the buildings nearby to join the event in the hope of obtaining their support. He further reminded the C&WDO that organising the event might create competition and pressure on the shop tenants nearby, especially those on "Dried Seafood Street." In this connection, he suggested the C&WDO collaborate with those shop tenants and invite them to set up distinctive stalls, impressing them with its commercial viability to their businesses and securing their rapport. He added that the C&WDO had previously collaborated with shop tenants in the Western Wholesale Food Market to organise the Flea Market cum Carnival,

which received public acclaim. He hoped that the C&WDO would consider organising similar events in the future.

60. The Chairman responded that the C&WDO might consider organising the carnival again in collaboration with shop tenants of the Western Wholesale Food Market. He suggested referring the proposal to the WG on Boosting Local Economy for follow-up.

61. Miss CHOI responded that since stalls selling distinctive local snacks were more appealing, the C&WDO would arrange the set-up of those stalls at the bazaar. She said that the C&WDO had been notifying properties and shop tenants nearby of the event and the associated road closures. The C&WDO would also launch a wide publicity of the event. She added that, once the publicity materials became available, Members would be invited to help promote the event on their own platforms to raise public awareness within the District. With the aid of previous experience, she also said that the visitor flow stimulated by the event would help boost the business of the shops nearby.

62. Dr FUNG Kar-leung suggested that youths in the C&W District might be made responsible for designing and operating bazaar stalls. The C&WDO might also invite different types of small shop tenants in the District to set up stalls, which would be conducive to boosting the District's economy.

63. Miss CHOI responded that the C&WDO was currently allocating the stalls. Members were welcome to contact the C&WDO if they knew any suitable youth group which expressed interest in stall operating. In response to the views of inviting different types of small shop tenants in the District to set up stalls, she said that the C&WDO might consider organising similar events in the future.

64. Mr LAU Tin-ching expressed support for the C&WDO's proposal and pointed out that unlike previous events, the proposed event would continue into night time and feature evening performance sessions to attract more visitors. Hence, he was very concerned whether the event would affect the daily life of residents nearby. He also pointed out that, despite bearing the title "Day x Night Vibes," the present event would end at 8:30 pm. Provided that members of the public usually had dinner between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm and go out for entertainment after 8:30 pm, he was worried about the potential inadequacy of visitors between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. In this connection, Mr LAU asked the C&WDO to consider changing the venue and time of the event, and suggested relocating the event to Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park.

65. The Chairman responded that the C&WDO would remind performers to pay attention to noise emissions and avoid bringing too much impact to households. He said that

Sheung Wan Cultural Square had been the venue for bazaars, and the C&WDO might explore whether there were other suitable locations in the future. He added that organising bazaars at Sheung Wan Cultural Square would involve road closures, thus creating some constraints to the duration of the proposed event. The events might also give rise to noise nuisances and complaints if continued into late hours. The Chairman suggested referring the views to the WG on Boosting Local Economy for further consideration. The C&WDO would incorporate as many views from Members as possible into the proposed event. If not, the C&WDO would consider whether such views were applicable elsewhere.

66. Mr YIP Wing-shing said that “Dried Seafood Street” and other traditional trades were located in the vicinity of Sheung Wan Cultural Square. Merchants associations of the dried seafood and grocery industry as well as other trades were invited to provide assistance to the past events. As the event would be further promoted by the merchants associations, he expected more businesses to take part in it for boosting local economy.

67. Mr LUI Hung-pan pointed out that similar events had been held in the District on many previous occasions, so he believed that the C&WDO had gathered sufficient experience. He would seek the staunch support of local organisations as well. He said that there were many trades in the District that resembled the distinctive characteristics of local economy. He suggested launching campaigns that specifically promoted “Dried Seafood Street,” such as securing concessionary offers from shop tenants. He cited that there were many shops that displayed strong cultural features on Hollywood Road and Lascar Row in Sheung Wan, such as antique stores. He suggested the C&WDC help promote that culturally unique community, or subsidise shop tenants of specific trades in promoting their business.

68. The Chairman suggested referring the aforesaid views to the WG on Boosting Local Economy for further consideration and follow-up.

69. Mr WU Man-hin opined that, apart from the general public, tourists were also part and parcel of the event’s target audience. He suggested the C&WDO organise events that would appeal to tourists worldwide, after taking into account their diverse preferences. It would enhance tourists’ experience and encourage them to visit Hong Kong in the future.

70. The Chairman welcomed the proposal on attracting tourists, and suggested referring the matter to the WG on Boosting Local Economy for further discussion.

71. Mr NG Yin believed that Members would be happy to promote the event on their own social media platforms. In this connection, he suggested the C&WDO provide Members with information on the event programmes. Besides, he suggested introducing charity booths to the event, such as those selling handicrafts by the underprivileged.

72. Miss CHOI responded that the C&WDO might arrange the Secretariat to provide Members with an electronic copy of the promotional poster. She also said that a charity booth would be set up at the bazaar, and the C&WDO would consider whether more charity booths could be set up.

73. Dr WONG Sin-man enquired whether youth-initiated cultural and creative features could be strengthened in the proposed event. She pointed out that a youth-led bazaar was recently held in the Central Market, which had attracted visitors of different age groups. She also said that Instagram was most popular among youths, and enquired whether the C&WDO would consider opening an Instagram account specific to the event to reach out to more youngsters.

74. The Chairman agreed to strengthen publicity for the event. The C&WDO would also provide Members with the promotional copies and photographs. He expected Members to assist in the publicity work and steadfastly promote the event to their constituency and members of the public.

75. Miss CHOI said that there would be youth-run retail stalls, and she appealed to Members for notifying the C&WDO as soon as possible of any suitable youths (or organisations) who would be interested in setting up stalls.

76. The Chairman concluded that he had heard many valuable views from Members, and Members in principle supported the C&WDO's event proposal. The C&WDO would incorporate as many views from Members into the event as possible. Owing to time constraints, the C&WDO might not be able to fully incorporate Members' suggestions in this event but it would consider Members' views in subsequent bazaar events. He reiterated that Members' views would be referred to the WG on Boosting Local Economy for comprehensive consideration and discussion. Lastly, the Chairman said that while DCs of all districts would organise events to boost the economy, the C&WDO had collected Members' views in the present meeting, and acknowledged their unanimous support for the C&WDO's proposal. The C&WDO would give a briefing to the task force chaired by the Chief Secretary. The Chairman then declared closure of this discussion item.

Item 9: DC-related Measures in Policy Address –

Proposals for Distinctive Photo-taking Landmarks Showcasing District Characteristics

(C&WDC Paper No. 8/2024)

(11:50 am – 12:23 pm)

77. The Chairman welcomed Mr MOK Chi-kin, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), C&WDO and Mr WONG Ka-chun, Executive Officer (District Management)¹, C&WDO to the meeting, and invited Mr WONG to give a briefing on the paper.

78. Mr WONG gave a briefing on Paper No. 8/2024 about the background, project proposal and design concept of the proposed distinctive photo-taking landmarks which showcased district characteristics.

79. Mr LAU Tin-ching opined that while all three proposals would be welcomed among the young generation, the third proposal was undesirable. Firstly, it would generate noise nuisance to the residents nearby. Secondly, the slope at the venue might pose safety concerns as children might fall when riding the merry-go-round. Thirdly, he considered it inappropriate to channel pedestrians into the quiet residential area. He opined that the second proposal would be better, as members of the public, residents and tourists might all participate. He enquired whether there would be any other proposals.

80. The Chairman said that, to facilitate a prompt implementation of the project, the C&WDO had already conducted preliminary investigation and opined that the aforesaid three proposals would be more feasible. Extra time would be required to look into the feasibility and budget of other proposals, which might thus be undesirable. He said he would not rule out the possibility of holding similar events in the future if the present event turned out to be successful. He also welcomed Members to suggest any suitable venues.

81. Mr YIP Wing-shing expressed support for the second proposal. He pointed out that the Old Mental Hospital on High Street was a significant monument in the Western District. It was not only cherished by residents in the District, but also celebrated across the whole city. He understood that this monument was on the list of many in-depth tours. As there were few residential buildings nearby, the event's impact on residents' daily life would be minimal.

82. Mr YEUNG Hok-ming shared the view that the third proposal was undesirable. He opined that the Peak had been a better known attraction, whereas the Old Mental Hospital on High Street was not, which should therefore be promoted as a district landmark. As he was concerned that driving to the monument direct might give rise to illegal parking, he

suggested providing a suggested route for visitors to walk from the MTR station to the monument. He believed that the second proposal might boost the businesses nearby.

83. Mr YOUNG Chit-on regarded the second proposal most exceptional. He said that while the Peak had been a very popular attraction, more public spaces should be reserved there for tourists. Thanks to its well-known tale, the decoratively lit High Street Haunted House would not only become the talk of the town, but also a lasting landmark.

84. Mr IP Yik-nam expressed support for the second proposal. He pointed out that the Peak had been a well-known attraction, whereas the Waterfront and the Rock Hill Street mural painting near Sands Street had been increasingly popular among Mainland tourists and on “Xiaohongshu.” Thus, both proposals would not be particularly effective in boosting the visitor flow and the economy. Relatively speaking, the lesser-known Old Mental Hospital exhibited strong cultural characters and was situated near a group of old building compounds. Once converted and revitalised, the closed Methadone Clinic might thus be lined up with the monument for an in-depth tour, maximising the benefit to local economy. He pointed out that the Light Tunnel effect would work best at night, and enquired how the monument might attract visitors during the daytime, and how the installations would be treated after the exhibition period. He opined that such measures should, if considered effective, be maintained and implemented further.

85. Mr MOK said that he had taken note of Members’ views and that the second proposal had received support from more Members. He said that the C&WDO would discuss with contractors, upon calling for tender, whether daytime installations should be set up to attract more people to take photographs. Besides, the C&WDO would need to look into the proposed revitalisation of the Methadone Clinic with the Antiquities and Monuments Office.

86. Mr YEUNG Hoi-wing said that the three proposals had their own pros and cons. He opined that the first proposal was situated in a developed locale, whereas the third proposal might attract too many tourists to take photographs and cause nuisance to the residents nearby. Therefore, he suggested relocating the third proposal to the Promenade to complement the scenic sunset, creating a new photo-taking attraction to divert the visitor flow and prevent the gathering of photo-taking visitors on the road. He also said that the second proposal featured a richly historical site. Guided tours might be organised to narrate its historical significance.

87. The Chairman said that guided tours would be organised as long as resources were available.

88. Ms JIN Ling opined that whilst the Peak was a landmark of Hong Kong that was appealing to many, placing the C&W District’s logo there might not seem grand enough. She

also acknowledged the uniqueness of the third proposal, but upon listening to other Members' views, she agreed that many issues would have to be avoided. She thus favoured the second proposal. Alongside adding daytime installations, she suggested enriching the event with interactive elements and the District's characteristics, as well as promoting district history through guided tours.

89. Mr MOK said that the C&WDO was open to the addition of various elements, and would discuss carefully with the contractor about daytime installation after calling for tender.

90. Ms CHEUNG Ka-yan expressed support for the second proposal. She considered the 6-month exhibition period rather short, and enquired how the exhibition materials would be handled after the exhibition period. She was worried that having only one photo-taking attraction in the district might lead to large gatherings of visitors and potential nuisance. She suggested promoting the monument in conjunction with the mural painting and the sunset-watching promenade, thus diluting the flow of visitors.

91. The Chairman said he also hoped for an extension of the exhibition period. Subject to available resources, the C&WDO would explore the possibility of extending the exhibition period as long as practicable.

92. Mr NG Yin opined that the three proposals had their own merits. He suggested setting up information boards around the monument to introduce the District's history and culture, without prejudice to the aesthetics of the project design of the exhibition.

93. Mr MOK said that the C&WDO might include the destinations from the recent cultural tour of the District, such as monuments, historical buildings and cultural attractions, in the proposed guided tour, enriching the tour's content and attractiveness.

94. Dr CHAN Kin-keung said that it would be best to implement all three proposals as long as resources are available. Firstly, he opined that placing the District's logo on the Peak would familiarise visitors with the District. Benefiting the District, the proposal was thus the most worth-spending one. Secondly, considering that the general public had minimal knowledge about the Old Mental Hospital, he opined that the second proposal was also a good one. But it was a bit too costly to reserve a budget of \$800,000 for lighting display production. He hoped that more elements could be added to the exhibition. Thirdly, he considered the Sands Street proposal very good as well. He opined that the merry-go-round would not be too noisy because the adjacent roads were rather wide and the buildings nearby were low-rise. But it might still affect residents' daily life. He said that the Sands Street landmark might stimulate the visitor flow between Sai Wan Waterfront and Sands Street, benefitting shop tenants in the area.

95. The Chairman said that only one of the three proposals would be implemented given the resources available.

96. Mr SHIH Jan Noel hoped that views of the District Youth Development and Civic Education Committee might be incorporated in subsequent events. While supporting the second proposal, he considered it necessary to pay attention to the associated management issues. As parking was difficult there, there was a need to encourage visitors to take public transport instead. First, he suggested hiring caretakers to prevent visitors from taking photographs on the one-way road. He also said that the lighting display echoed with the theme of Night Vibes Hong Kong. There were many restaurants around High Street for visitors to dine before and after taking photographs, boosting the area's economy effectively. To enhance the immersive experience, he suggested adding mirrors in the daytime that would complement the repetitive arches. He pointed out that the monument was often mystified in the eyes of those outside the district. He suggested that this new District's landmark should be promoted in a diversified way, such as using "Xiaohongshu," to lure visitors from the district, outside the district, and from overseas.

97. Mr MOK said, in response to concerns over management, that the monument was currently managed by the C&WDO and guarded round-the-clock. Depending on the increasing visitor flow, the C&WDO would increase the number of security guards upon implementation of the project. He agreed that there were rather few parking spaces, so the route to and from the MTR station would be clearly indicated. He said that the C&WDO was open to the addition of mirrors. Apart from visual effects, he pointed out that an immersive experience might be enhanced by adding a sound system. Upon calling for tender, the C&WDO would discuss the matter with the contractors.

98. Dr WONG Sin-man made the point that local residents seldom visited the Peak. Apart from attracting tourists, she hoped that the proposal might also benefit local residents. She thus favoured the second proposal. She said that she had previously organised guided tours. The locale of the second proposal was ranked second among local youths and residents for its distinctive characteristics and promotional value. Secondly, she opined that it was necessary to clearly inform residents and visitors of the route from the MTR station to the locale, and suggested providing signage along the route. She also proposed formulating a photo-taking route to dilute photo-taking crowds on the road. Thirdly, she suggested using display boards to introduce the art installations, and the distinctive culture and history of the monument. Fourthly, she suggested unleashing more perspectives of the visiting experience with film dialogues and contemporary music.

99. Mr LEE Chi-hang said that the parking spaces in the vicinity of the Old Mental

Hospital had always been occupied, deterring people from visiting and taking photographs. It was therefore necessary to tackle the issues of parking spaces and the gathering of photo-taking visitors on the road. He also said that there were people living on the 5th and 6th floors of the Community Hall and in the buildings nearby. He hoped that visitors might be diverted to other photo-taking attractions at the periphery, such as the Stone Wall Tree in King George V Memorial Park, thus preventing large gatherings of people that might affect nearby residents or obstruct the traffic. He also emphasised the need to balance people's multiple uses of the facilities, namely leisure photo-taking, wedding photography and KOL portrait shooting.

100. The Chairman said that the C&WDO would reinforce its management to minimise the nuisance occasioned by the event. The C&WDO would request the Police to be more watchful for illegal parking. The Chairman concluded that a majority of Members expressed support for the second proposal. It would be implemented accordingly, and a new photo-taking landmark would be established in the C&W District. He also wished the project a great success. He said that he would consult the Youth Committee and the C&WDC again when other photo-taking attractions were to be established with resources available. The Chairman then declared closure of the discussion items.

Item 10: Use of C&W District Community Involvement Fund in the Financial Year 2023/24

(C&WDC Paper No. 9/2024)

(12:23 pm – 12:26 pm)

101. The Chairman gave a briefing on Paper No. 9/2024 about the background and utilisation of the C&W District Community Involvement Fund, and asked Members to take note of the paper.

Item 11: Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting

(12:26 pm – 12:29 pm)

102. The Chairman said that Members should establish at least one ward office (including joint ward office(s) with other Members) within three months after assuming office. The Chairman reminded Members that the office hours of Members' ward offices should not be less than 40 hours per week, with at least four hours per week falling on weekday evenings (i.e. after 6 pm), weekends and public holidays. Office hours of the ward offices should be properly documented for the Secretariat's inspection during spot checks.

103. The Chairman said that the C&WDC had often been invited by government

departments or other institutions to appoint Members to sit in advisory and statutory bodies or other related panels. Besides, the C&WDC had often been invited by relevant institutions or bodies to send representatives to attend various outside events. In accordance with section 18(3) of the Guidelines, Members should perform the tasks and meet the work objectives related to the functions of the C&WDC as assigned by the C&WDC Chairman.

104. To effectively handle the aforesaid matter, the C&WDC Chairman would, upon receipt of such invitation, decide and appoint a suitable C&WDC Member to take up a position or attend an event, having regard to the specific circumstances and taking account of various factors, including the needs of the inviting party, professional qualification or expertise required for the position or event, background, continuity and past practices incidental to the position or event. The Secretariat would consult Members and report to the Chairman where necessary. The Secretariat would also regularly notify Members of the Chairman's appointments.

105. The Chairman announced that the next meeting would be held on 14 March 2024. The paper submission deadline for government departments and Members would be 28 February 2024.

The minutes were _____ confirmed on 14 March 2024

Chairman: _____ Mr LEUNG Chee-kay, David, JP

Secretary: _____ Ms CHEUNG Kwok-ying, Sherry

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