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Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of the
Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee

Date : 7 March 2016 (Monday)
Time : 2:00 p.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Present

Ms YU Lai-fan (Chairman)
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine (Vice-Chairman)
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, BBS
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS
Mr CHAN Lin-wai
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Ms LEE Kwai-chun
Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Ms FU Hiu-lam Sammi
Mr WONG Hoi-yu
Mr LAI Tsz-man
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha
Ms KWOK Ka-ying

Attendance by Invitation

Ms LAM Pui-sze, Millicent	Acting Senior Executive Officer (Planning), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss HUI Pui-yuk, Hermia	Senior Housing Manager/Tsing Yi, Tsuen Wan and Islands, Housing Department
Mr LAW Tung-wah, Benji	Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHAN Chiu-fai	Assistant Division Commander (Operations)(Lantau South), Hong Kong Police Force

In Attendance

Ms LEE Kit-ye, Kitty	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Elaine	Senior Librarian (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr HAU Wing-man, Raymond	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr NGAI Ka-sing, Anthony	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms MA Shuk-yi, Katherine	Community Relations Officer (West HK Island & Islands), Independent Commission Against Corruption
Ms LUI Man-wai	Senior School Development Officer (Islands)1, Education Bureau
Mr CHU Kam-sing, Daniel	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western / Southern & Islands)2, Social Welfare Department
Mr CHOW Chit, Joe	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Mr LAM Kit-sing	Representative, Islands District Sports Association
Ms CHOI Kwok-por	Representative, Hong Kong Islands Cultural & Art Association

Secretary

Ms WONG Tan-lam, Connie	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Islands District Office
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Absent with Apologies

Mr KWONG Koon-wan
Mr LEE Chi-ngan
Ms YUEN Wai-kwan

Welcoming remarks

The Chairman welcomed members to the first regular meeting of the current-term Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee of the Islands District Council (IDC), and introduced the representatives of institutions and government departments present.

2. Members noted that Mr KWONG Koon-wan, Mr LEE Chi-ngan and Ms YUEN Wai-kwan were not able to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. Question on the service of North Lantau Hospital

II. Question on the medical service in North Lantau (Papers CACRC 2/2016 and CACRC 3/2016)

3. The Chairman said that the representative of the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and the Hospital Authority (HA) could not attend the meeting, but has provided consolidated written reply for Agenda Items I and II for Members' perusal. In view of this, she suggested that the two agenda items be discussed together.

4. Mr Bill TANG presented the question in Paper CACRC 2/2016.

5. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question in Paper CACRC 3/2016.

6. Mr Bill TANG urged HA to arrange representatives to attend IDC/Committee meetings to report latest situation of the North Lantau Hospital. He said that there was increasing demand towards additional quota for specialist services as well as day surgeries at North Lantau Hospital but HA failed to address this issue in its written reply, so he requested HA to provide more details.

7. Mr Holden CHOW said that he has expressed earlier that the elderly in the district had keen demand for specialist services like nephrology and urology, and he requested the HA to provide such services at North Lantau Hospital as soon as possible, as it was inconvenient for the elderly travel long distance to the Princess Margaret Hospital for consultation.

8. Ms Amy YUNG concurred with Mr Bill TANG and hoped that FHB and HA would appoint representatives to attend IDC/Committee meetings to inform members of the latest developments of North Lantau Hospital.

9. Mr Eric KWOK was disappointed that HA did not arrange representatives to the meeting, so he was unable to convey the views of the locals to HA direct. He suggested the Committee to write to HA in order to bring the IDC's concerns to their attention.

10. Mr LAM Kit-sing said that IDC had nominated representative to join the Hong Kong Regional Advisory Committee to provide feedback to HA on the services of St. John Hospital. Given that North Lantau Hospital had come into operation, he hoped that HA would review the arrangement of grouping these two hospitals in the

same district under different hospital clusters, with a view to channel the feedback more effectively.

11. The Chairman said that IDC was deeply concerned about the services of North Lantau Hospital, and asked the Secretariat to convey Members' views to FHB and HA.

(Mr CHOW Yuk-tong joined the meeting during discussion of this agenda item.)

(Mr Bill TANG left the meeting after discussion of this agenda item.)

III. Question on implementation schedule of additional recreation and sports facilities in Tung Chung

(Paper CACRC 4/2016)

12. The Chairman welcomed Ms Millicent LAM, Acting Senior Executive Officer (Planning) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), for attending the meeting to give responses. The Home Affairs Bureau provided consolidated written reply with LCSD for Members' perusal before the meeting.

13. Mr Bill TANG tendered apologies for leaving early, and Mr Holden CHOW presented the question on his behalf.

14. Ms Millicent LAM said that the written reply from LCSD had been sent to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

15. Mr Holden CHOW asked LCSD to provide detailed progress on the construction of various recreation and sports facilities in Tung Chung, including the Tung Chung Town Park (Town Park), a sports centre at Tung Chung Area 39, a Civic Centre for the Islands District and Tung Chung Swimming Pool Phase II.

16. The Chairman said that LCSD had provided written reply to the question and asked if Members had any further comments.

17. Mr Eric KWOK enquired whether the Town Park mentioned in the written reply was to be built on the hillside at the back of North Lantau Hospital.

18. Mr Holden CHOW raised the following enquiries:

- (a) Whether the Town Park would be located on the slope behind Tung Chung Crescent, and if LCSD had no plan to build a Town Park on the reserved land in Area 29.
- (b) Whether LCSD had any concrete timetable about the development of Tung Chung Swimming Pool Phase II.

19. Ms Millicent LAM replied that the land at Tung Chung Area 29 was reserved for the Town Park, which was the same location as Members had mentioned earlier. As there were sufficient public recreation facilities in Tung Chung, LCSD had no plan to build the Town Park at Tung Chung Area 29, and there was no concrete

timetable for development of Tung Chung Swimming Pool Phase II.

IV. Question on provision of football pitch and fitness equipment for senior citizens in Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung
(Paper CACRC 5/2016)

20. The Chairman welcomed Miss Hermia HUI, Senior Housing Manager/Tsing Yi, Tsuen Wan and Islands of the Housing Department (HD) and Ms Millicent LAM, Acting Senior Executive Officer (Planning) of LCSD, for attending the meeting to give responses. The written replies from LCSD and Hospital Authority had been sent to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

21. Mr Eric KWOK presented the question.

22. Ms Millicent LAM said that LCSD's written reply had been sent to Members for perusal before the meeting, and she would respond to Members' enquiries regarding the soccer pitch facilities in Tung Chung.

23. Miss Hermia HUI gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) According to the housing development project of HD at Tung Chung Area 27, the Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch would be reprovisioned at Area 39 which was outside the scope of the above project. The reprovisioning project had commenced in November 2015 and was expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2016. The new soccer pitch would be managed by LCSD and Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch would be closed.
- (b) Regarding the proposal for installing additional elderly fitness equipment, Members could make suggestions to the Estate Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) of Yat Tung Estate. If the proposal was approved, EMAC would implement the works and the project costs would be funded by its annual financial budget.
- (c) The construction of a covered walkway linking Hong Yat House with the existing walkway was in progress. The works were expected to be completed by the end of March this year. Regarding the proposal for building a canopy over the benches between Yu Yat House and Yat Tung Shopping Centre, given the complexity of the works, HD would study the feasibility of the proposal with the stakeholders.

24. Mr Eric KWOK raised the following views and enquiries :

- (a) He suggested providing additional fitness equipment for the elderly in response to the 2016 Policy Address about building an "Age-friendly Community". The proposal was not meant to be considered and implemented by EMAC. He was disappointed that HD gave no concrete responses to the proposal. He asked HD to explain if the above could not be implemented under the initiative of "Age-friendly Community".

(Post-meeting note: On 18 March 2016, HD invited Mr KWOK Ping for a site visit at Yat Tung (1) Estate and explained that under the initiative of “Age-friendly Community”, priority would be given to housing estates with more elderly population. Nevertheless, HD would still consider providing or improving the relevant facilities according to the situation of individual estates and residents’ needs. During inspection, it was initially agreed that the fitness equipment and children recreational facilities near Yung Yat House could be improved and would consider providing additional facilities for the elderly. Therefore, the proposal for providing additional facilities would be incorporated in the HD’s 2016-2017 action plan for Yat Tung (1) Estate and be reported to EMAC. If the proposal was endorsed, technical and financial assessments would be conducted for implementing the project.)

- (b) The ongoing works at Hong Yat House did not include construction of a canopy. He clarified that the proposed canopy was to be built from the front entrance of Hong Yat House and then extended to the adjoining walkway.

(Post-meeting note: HD explained to Mr KWOK that it was technically not feasible to build the aforesaid covered walkway because there were plenty underground utilities outside the entrance of Hong Yat House. The residents can use the existing covered walkway at the front entrance of the building.)

- (c) He was of the view that the construction of a canopy over the benches between Yu Yat House and Yat Tung Shopping Centre was not complicated and queried the need for further study.

(Post-meeting note: HD had told Mr KWOK that given the close proximity of the benches and the trees, the foundation piles of the canopy, if built, would probably damage the roots and affect the growth of these trees. Therefore, the said proposal was not feasible at this stage. If additional benches were required in other locations, Mr KWOK was welcomed to make suggestions to HD for consideration.)

25. Miss Hermia HUI said that there were established eligibility criteria for projects implemented under the “Age-friendly Community” initiative. She would provide the details after the meeting and follow up with Mr KWOK on his proposed covered walkway. (Please refer paragraphs 24(a), (b) and (c) above for HD’s responses).

26. Mr Eric KWOK said that the Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch was a five-a-side pitch and would be closed after the completion of the new soccer pitch at Area 39. He was concerned that the supply of soccer pitches in the district could not meet the needs of youth in Yat Tung Estate. He urged LCSD and HA to consider converting the vacant government land next to Chui Kwan Drive and North Lantau Hospital, into a temporary soccer pitch before the commencement of Phase II development of North Lantau Hospital.

27. Mr Holden CHOW proposed that elderly fitness equipment could be provided in the sports centre to be built at Tung Chung Area 39, and urged LCSD to proceed with the construction work expeditiously.

28. Ms Millicent LAM said that LCSD was open towards the provision of elderly fitness equipment in the sports centre at Area 39. She would convey Members' views on soccer pitches to the relevant departments for consideration.

29. The Chairman asked the relevant government departments to review the need for recreational and cultural facilities as well as elderly fitness equipment in the district.

(Ms Millicent LAM left the meeting after discussion of the agenda item.)

V. Question on request for additional fitness equipment for senior citizens in Fu Tung Estate, Tung Chung
(Paper CACRC 9/2016)

30. The Chairman welcomed Miss Hermia HUI, Senior Housing Manager (Tsing Yi, Tsuen Wan and Islands) of HD for attending the meeting to give responses.

31. Mr Holden CHOW presented the question.

32. Miss Hermia HUI said that Members could make suggestions to the EMAC of Fu Tung Estate. If the proposal was approved, EMAC would implement the works and the project cost would be funded by its annual financial budget.

33. Ms LEE Kwai-chun cited the situation of Cheung Chau as example, and suggested HD to provide more elderly fitness equipment for in future projects to meet the needs of the elderly.

34. The Chairman asked HD to consider and follow up Members' views.

VI. Question on the progress of subsidised housing developments in Tung Chung
(Paper CACRC 10/2016)

35. The Chairman welcomed Miss Hermia HUI, Senior Housing Manager (Tsing Yi, Tsuen Wan and Islands) of HD for attending the meeting to give responses.

36. Mr Bill TANG tendered apologies for leaving early, and Mr Holden CHOW

presented question on his behalf.

37. Miss Hermia HUI responded as follows:

- (a) The public housing development project at Tung Chung Area 56, located to the east of Ying Hei Road, was named Ying Tung Estate. The residential buildings and commercial facilities were expected to be completed in early 2017 and would likely be in use in around mid-2017. HD would inform residents and commercial tenants of the actual intake time.
- (b) The public housing development project at Tung Chung Area 39 was located to the west of Tung Chung Road and Yat Tung Estate. The residential buildings and commercial facilities were expected to be completed in mid-2018 and would likely be in use by the end of 2018.
- (c) Regarding the Subsidised Sale Flat Scheme in Tung Chung Area 27 and the associated parking facilities, the construction work would commence within this year and was expected to be completed between 2019 and 2020.

(Miss Hermia HUI left the meeting after discussion of the agenda item.)

VII. Question on illegal immigrants landing on Lantau Island
(Paper CACRC 11/2016)

38. The Chairman welcomed Mr Benni LAW, Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District) and Mr CHAN Chiu-fai, Assistant Division Commander (Operations) (Lantau South) of the Hong Kong Police Force for attending the meeting to give responses.

39. Mr Randy YU presented the question.

40. Mr CHAN Chiu-fai said that the Police arrested 47 illegal immigrants landing on Lantau Island in the first two months of 2016, compared with 65 in 2015. Although the number of arrests jumped, no illegal immigrants committed offences on Lantau after landing between years 2014 and 2016. He thanked the local residents for providing accurate information leading to the quick arrests.

41. Mr Randy YU asked whether the Police had formulated any preventive measures towards illegal immigrants.

42. Mr Benji LAW responded as follows:

- (a) In 2015, the Marine Police received 9 illegal immigrant cases, while 3 of them involving South Asians, and 19 persons were arrested. There were 6 similar cases recorded during the first two months of 2016, 4 of which involving South Asians and 29 persons were arrested.
- (b) In view of the rising trend of such cases, the Police had formulated a number of plans, which included strengthening intelligence collation about

organised human-smuggling syndicates, stepping up co-operation with the Mainland to intercept human smuggling at source and forming strategic hillside observation posts in the district. In addition, the police launches of the Marine Port District were equipped with night-vision devices, which enabled the launches to continue patrolling in adverse weather or at night. Furthermore, the Marine Port District maintained close liaison with the Lantau District to ensure round-the-clock monitoring with radars and swift actions to intercept illegal immigrants. If needs arose, small boats would be deployed to carry out joint missions with the Government Flying Service. The Police called on the public to report suspicious persons proactively in the district.

43. The Chairman enquired whether the Police would consider formulating policies to deter illegal immigrants and relevant persons effectively.

44. Mr Benji LAW said that many people originated from South Asian countries lodged torture claims with the Immigrant Department (ID) upon their arrival for the issuance of Recognizance Form 8. The Police would continue following up on the legislative procedures with relevant departments, and arranging overseas visits from time to time with ID representatives to crack down on illegal immigration at source .

(Mr Benji LAW and Mr CHAN Chiu-fai left the meeting after discussion of the agenda item.)

VIII. Question on library catalogue and e-resources searches in Hong Kong public libraries
(Paper CACRC 12/2016)

45. The Chairman welcomed Ms Elaine KWOK, Senior Librarian (Islands) of LCSD for attending the meeting to give responses.

46. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question.

47. Ms Elaine KWOK said that the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) website introduced single sign-on function in May 2015, which allowed readers to access e-books or e-databases of HKPL without having to login repeatedly, thus facilitating the searches for e-resources. In addition, a search function would be available in the near future to enable readers to browse the library collection and digital materials under the Multimedia Information System simultaneously. She then briefed members on the system and its functions with the aid of Powerpoint presentation.

48. Ms Amy YUNG appreciated HKPL's continuous efforts in promoting e-book services. Regarding the online reservation service, she asked whether LCSD would consider enabling the residents in the Islands District to conveniently pick up the reserved items at mobile libraries.

49. Ms Elaine KWOK said that the public could submit application forms and arrange picking up reserved library items at mobile libraries. LCSD would actively

consider enhancing the online reservation service to facilitate readers to select mobile libraries as the pick-up location.

(Post-meeting note: In response to readers' feedback on the online reservation service, HKPL reviewed the relevant arrangement and was updating its webpage to allow readers to choose mobile libraries as pick-up locations. The update would be completed by the end of April 2016 and readers would be informed of the new service via the webpage in due course.)

IX. Visit arrangements to Community Involvement Projects
(Paper CACRC 13/2016)

50. Members noted and endorsed the visit arrangements set out in the Paper and the proposed group list for visits in 2016/17.

X. Report on anti-corruption projects in Islands District

51. The Chairman welcomed Ms Katherine MA, Community Relations Officer (West HK Island & Islands) of Independent Commission Against Corruption to the meeting to make a report.

52. Ms Katherine MA said that the programme for 2015/16 had been completed successfully in December 2015. She thanked members for their support and summarised the activities report as follows:

(a) The "Support Clean Elections" Roving Exhibitions

- The exhibitions were held between October and November 2015 at Lai Shuk Ying Memorial Plaza in Yat Tung Estate, the Eastern Commercial Plaza in Cheung Chau, and the vacant land between Tung Chung Crescent and MTR Tung Chung Station, attracting approximately 3 000 visitors in total.

(b) The "Support Clean Elections" Mobile Exhibition Vehicle

- The mobile exhibitions were held between May and September 2015 at Ho Yu College (sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen), Golden Bull Plaza in Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung, Mui Wo Rural Committee Road, Tai O Waterfront Promenade, Yu Tung Court in Tung Chung and Discovery Bay, attracting approximately 1 600 visitors.

(c) Community Involvement Programme

- A total of 32 local organisations participated in implementing various anti-corruption activities to promote clean elections in an interesting approach.

(d) Activities in Kindergartens and Primary Schools

- There were 20 kindergartens and 8 primary schools participating in activities including moral education story matching games, parenting

activities on moral education, reading e-books on moral study and reading plans.

(e) Activities in Secondary Schools

- Students from 4 secondary schools in the district participated in the “iTeen Leadership Programme for Senior Secondary School Students”, while 10 secondary schools joined the School Action Day.

XI. Reports by Working Groups

(i) Vetting Group

53. The Chairman said that the Vetting Group processed 17 funding applications at the meeting on 26 January for Community Involvement Projects to be held between April and May 2016. The proposals had been submitted to and endorsed by the Committee in form of circulation paper.

(ii) CACRC Activities Working Group

(a) “Islands District Women Development Scheme 2015”

- YMCA of Hong Kong Tung Chung Centre conducted 4 training programmes between October and December last year under the Islands District Women Development Scheme 2015, including basic workplace spoken English, Employment Ordinance and labour law, healthy diet and living and good parenting. There were approximately 100 participants.

(b) The Current Account of the Working Group

- The Working Group Secretariat learned in December 2015 that the Working Group’s current account opened with the Bank of China in 2005 had been inactive for two years and would be frozen by the bank. With the consent of the former Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Committee, the Secretariat made arrangements with the bank to withdraw the balance of \$5,000 in cash on 30 December 2015. The money was then kept in the safe at the Islands District Office for the time being. The Working Group would discuss matters concerning the handling of the money and the bank account in due course.

(c) Islands District Cultural Festival – Islands District Cantonese Opera Show In Celebration of the Lunar New Year

- The event was successfully held at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall on 29 January 2016 with more than 2 100 audience.

(d) Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) ’s Cooperation Scheme with District Councils 2016-17

- CPCE launched a cooperation scheme with the District Councils in 2016/17, each district would be granted no more than \$200,000 to conduct civic education projects at district level. The Working Group had issued letters to invite non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as well as primary and secondary schools in the district to submit activity

proposals.

(iii) International Day of Disabled Persons Working Group

(a) Free Ride Day for Disabled Persons

- The event was held on 8 November 2015 (Sunday). Holders of the Registration Card for People with Disabilities were entitled to free rides on public transportation that day.

(b) Ocean Park Fun Day

- The activity was held on 29 November 2015 (Sunday) and attracted 321 participants, including holders of the Registration Card for People with Disabilities and their families, and volunteers. The total expenses were \$27,696, including meal coupons and hire of coaches.

(c) Central Celebration Ceremony

- The activity was held on 5 December 2015 (Saturday) at Stanley Plaza. On the International Day of Disabled Persons 2015, the “18 Districts Caring Employers” Recognition Ceremony was held and special awards were presented to organisations which had won the award for 5 consecutive years or more.

(d) District Inclusion Activities

- In 2015, the Working Group allocated \$23,850 to sponsor 6 NGOs to organise district inclusion activities, with each activity capping at \$4,000.

54. Members noted and endorsed the above reports of the 3 Working Groups.

XII. Reports on the work of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Islands District

(i) Cultural Activities

(Paper CACRC 6/2016)

55. The Chairman welcomed Ms Kitty LEE, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

56. Ms Kitty LEE briefly presented the paper.

57. Members noted the contents of the paper.

(ii) Extension Activities held in Public Libraries

(Paper CACRC 7/2016)

58. The Chairman welcomed Ms Elaine KWOK, Senior Librarian (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

59. Ms Elaine KWOK briefly presented the paper.

60. Members noted the contents of the paper.

(iii) Sports and Recreational Activities
(Paper CACRC 8/2016)

61. The Chairman welcomed Mr Raymond HAU, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)1 of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

62. Mr Raymond HAU briefly presented the paper.

63. Members noted the contents of the paper.

XIII. Any Other Business

(i) Hong Kong Flower Show 2016

64. Members noted that the Islands District would continue to set up “Green Promotional Stall” in the Hong Kong Flower Show.

(ii) Strengthen collaboration between Women’s Commission (WoC) and District Councils

65. The Chairman said that the WoC had written to the Chairmen of 18 DCs with a view to strengthen collaboration and request each DC to nominate a District Councillor as the Gender Focal Point. Ms LEE Kwai-chun was appointed the Gender Focal Point of the Islands District. The WoC would continue to implement the Funding Scheme for Women’s Development in 2016/17 to sponsor DCs to organise programmes and activities conducive to women’s development. The amount of sponsorship was not yet available.

66. The Committee agreed that the Activities Working Group would continue to be tasked to implement the “Funding Scheme for Women’s Development”.

(iii) Committee Working Groups

67. The Chairman said that Vetting Group, Activities Working Group and International Day of Disabled Persons Working Group of the Island District had been formed under the CACRC. The Secretariat would invite co-opted members to join these working groups in due course.

XIV. Date of Next Meeting

68. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 9 May 2016 (Monday).

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