

(Translation)

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

Date : 7 November 2016 (Monday)
Time : 2:00 p.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room

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
Mr FAN Chi-ping
Ms LEE Kwai-chun
Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr KWONG Koon-wan
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

Dr SUN Tin-fung, David

Deputy Hospital Chief Executive, North Lantau Hospital,
Hospital Authority

Mr KAN Yat-chung, Thomas

Senior Hospital Administrator, North Lantau Hospital,
Hospital Authority

In Attendance

Mr NGAI Ka-sing, Anthony

Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr HAU Wing-man, Raymond

Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)1,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms CHENG Yuet-mei

Librarian (Tung Chung Public Library),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LEE Kit-yee, Kitty

Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr WATT Wai-yeung, Edwin

Senior Community Relations Officer (Hong Kong West /
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

Ms CHONG Yan-yee, Belinda

Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office

Ms YUEN Wai-kwan

Representative, Association of School Heads of Islands District

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

Absent with Apologies

Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden

Mr LEE Chi-ngan

Mr LAM Kit-sing

Representative, Islands District Sports Association

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## Welcoming remarks

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments and organisations as well as Members to the meeting. She then introduced the following representatives of the government departments who attended the meeting:

- (a) Ms CHONG Yan-yee, Belinda, Assistant District Officer (Islands)1 of Islands District Office (IsDO) who attended the meeting in place of Mr CHOW Chit, Joe; and
- (b) Ms CHENG Yuet-mei, Librarian (Tung Chung Public Library) of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) who attended the meeting in place of Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Elaine.

2. Members noted that Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden, Mr LEE Chi-ngan, as well as Mr LAM Kit-sing, representative of the Islands District Sports Association were absent due to other commitments.

## I. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 6.9.2016

3. The Chairman said that the minutes had been sent to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

4. The minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendment.

## II. Question on insufficient quota of outpatient services of North Lantau Hospital (Paper No. CACRC 48/2016)

5. The Chairman welcomed Dr SUN Tin-fung, David, Deputy Hospital Chief Executive and Mr KAN Yat-chung, Thomas, Senior Hospital Administrator, both of North Lantau Hospital under Hospital Authority (HA) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of HA had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

6. As Mr Holden CHOW was absent due to other commitments, the Chairman briefly introduced the question on his behalf.

7. Dr David SUN briefly presented the written reply of HA.

8. The Chairman enquired about the number of extra staff North Lantau Hospital had planned to hire in 2016/17 to meet the demand. Earlier, HA expressed it would strengthen its manpower at the hospital in line with the growing population in the district and growing number of outpatients. She would like to know more about the manpower situation and the outpatient consultation quotas at the hospital.

9. Dr David SUN replied that HA mainly relied on consultation quotas to assess the provision of services and manpower deployment, making it difficult to

calculate the number of additional staff required. North Lantau Hospital treated about 50 000 to 60 000 patients a year and hoped that there would be an increase of about 5% or 2 000 consultation slots in the coming year.

10. Mr FAN Chi-ping asked HA how it would assist the elderly who did not know how to operate the Telephone Appointment System to reserve outpatient consultation timeslots, and whether they could access outpatient services through other means. He cited an example in which an elderly suffering from a fall near a health centre was unable to receive immediate treatment there because he/she did not have an appointment booking in advance.

11. Dr David SUN said that help desks had been set up at various general outpatient clinics for those who might encounter difficulties in using the telephone appointment service so as to assist them in obtaining the services required. Apart from out-patient services, HA also hoped to help the elderly and patients in need through different channels, for example, through the provision of community health services, medical services for residential care homes for the elderly, as well as arranging the presence of nurses to offer assistance on the spot. HA would continue to enhance the relevant services.

(Mr Bill TANG left the meeting at around 2:10 p.m.)

### III. Question on pharmacy service of North Lantau Hospital (Paper CACRC 49/2016)

12. The Chairman welcomed Dr SUN Tin-fung, David, Deputy Hospital Chief Executive and Mr KAN Yat-chung, Thomas, Senior Hospital Administrator, both of North Lantau Hospital under HA to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of HA had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

13. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question.

14. Dr David SUN briefly presented the written reply of HA. He added that HA had strengthened the liaison mechanism between the dispensaries and doctors. In the event that a dispensary ran out of the medications prescribed by doctors, substitutes could be prescribed without having to send patients to other hospitals to fill their prescriptions.

15. The Vice-Chairman said that Tung Chung was densely populated, as North Lantau Hospital was the only hospital serving the district, it would be very inconvenient to the local residents if the dispensary was open half day only on weekends. She asked if HA would consider opening the dispensary on public holidays or extending its opening hours during holidays.

16. Ms Amy YUNG said that she was aware of the serious manpower shortage at public hospitals and the huge workload borne by its medical staff. As the population of Lantau was on the rise amid rapid development, she hoped that HA

would make proper arrangements in this regard. In addition, HA did not respond to the question on the expansion of specialist services. She enquired whether there was a timetable for the establishment of a Traumatology department at the hospital.

17. Dr David SUN gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) HA was aware of the patients' demand for medications, while its colleagues at North Lantau Hospital also hoped that the opening hours of the dispensary could be extended. HA had been studying the feasibility of such proposal.
- (b) Traumatology was part of the Department of Orthopaedics, the North Lantau Hospital had already established an Orthopaedics and Traumatology out-patient clinic. Patients with critical traumatic injuries could also visit the Accident and Emergency Department of the hospital. Strengthening its own accident and emergency services was a high priority of the hospital.

(Post-meeting note: Orthopaedics was also known as the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology)

IV. Question on Peng Chau's mini-football pitch  
(Paper CACRC 50/2016)

18. The Chairman welcomed Mr NGAI Ka-sing Anthony, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of LCSD for attending the meeting to give responses.

19. The Vice-Chairman presented the question.

20. Mr Anthony NGAI replied as follows:

- (a) The mini-football pitch used to be a helipad prior to 2008, thus accounted for the previous 3-meter high fencing which made it extremely easy to kick the football over the fence. Back in 2005, Mr WONG Hoi-yu had made suggestions at a meeting of the Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee to improve the pitch when the site was still being used as a helipad. It was not until 2008 when the new Peng Chau Helipad was operational that LCSD and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) looked into ways to make the barrier walls higher. The enhancement works, including construction of barrier walls with the new fencing, commenced in November 2009..
- (b) The enhancement works were completed in June 2010. To actively follow up suggestions to improve the ventilation at the pitch, LCSD conducted a joint site visit with ArchSD on 1 November this year to

study improvements proposals. LCSD would invite District Council members from Peng Chau for a site visit and discuss enhancement measures.

- (c) The LCSD was open to the idea of removing the barrier walls and would discuss with ArchSD its feasibility.

21. Mr WONG Hoi-yu said that only 2 matches were held there each year, which were trophy matches held by LCSD and Peng Chau Rural Committee respectively. As the pitch was enclosed by more than 6 feet tall barrier walls, people were unable to watch the matches from outside the pitch, while the players got choked because of the venue. Furthermore, only 3 pitch lights were installed which were insufficient. He held the view that the department should have communicated with the rural committee where the construction of the mini-football pitch was concerned, and urged LCSD to properly follow up the above issues and discuss with the relevant district organisations.

22. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that in view of the different projects carried out in Peng Chau in recent years, he hoped that resources could be allocated in a balanced manner without favouritism towards any particular island. He did not object to the aforesaid enhancement works, which he wanted to be put on record first, and Members could study if other resources could be deployed.

23. Mr Eric KWOK said that LCSD had already devoted a lot of resources to the construction of the mini-football pitch yet it was just a “mini-white elephant” which was used by few Peng Chau residents. He concurred with Ms Josephine TSANG and Mr WONG Hoi-yu that enhancement works were needed to remove the barrier walls in order to make the best use of the facility.

24. Mr LAI Tsz-man estimated the costs for demolition of the barrier walls and construction of new fencing at about \$10 million, which would affect many projects awaiting implementation. He cited the extremely short distance between the sidelines and the barrier walls as the venue’s bigger problem which posed a danger to its users. He suggested removing a portion of the barrier walls and then repainting for refurbishment. Given the high cost of demolishing the barrier walls and replacing them with fencing, he reckoned the short-term improvement measures proposed by ArchSD as feasible, provided that the “holes drilling” on the barrier walls was deemed not to affect the structural safety.

25. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong said that there was a certain level of difficulty in improving the venue that would require balancing of and taking into consideration various factors. The enhancement works would be delayed for another few years if a lot of resources were required. He suggested that the government departments hold discussions with the local organisations concerned in order to forge a consensus.

26. Mr Randy YU agreed with the majority of Members' views. He asked LCSD whether the proposal by ArchSD was feasible from the technical and financial standpoints. He believed the proposal would be effective as a stop-gap measure.

LCSD would need to discuss short-term and long-term solutions with the stakeholders, while taking into account the actual circumstances in the allocation of resources.

27. Mr Ken WONG said that the football pitch faced the natural constraints of being too close to the sideline of the pitch and no spectator stand could be provided. Due to its unfavourable location, an ambulance could take as much as half an hour to reach there in the event of an injury. As there was no available space, LCSD built the barrier walls to prevent footballs from being kicked out of the pitch but then gave rise to poor ventilation. On the issue of insufficient lighting, LCSD pointed out that it had received complaints from residents living opposite the pitch that the lights were too bright. He asked why a standard football pitch fell short of one pitch light, and urged LCSD to make improvements as soon as possible. In his view, as the football pitch was located on a cliff, it could not accommodate spectators even if all the barrier walls were removed.

28. Mr YUNG Chi-ming was in favour of retaining the anti-collision pads and opined the mini-pitch should have no ventilation problem since it was located on a hill top. He concurred with Mr LAI Tsz-man that the pitch would need to be set back so that a certain distance would be maintained between the sidelines and the barrier walls.

29. Mr Anthony NGAI gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (a) In view of the narrow safety margin at the pitch, LCSD had installed anti-collision pads to protect players from injuries. As the pitch was built on a slope, it was technically difficult to expand its size.
- (b) An option proposed by ArchSD at that time was to remove 1 out of every 3 hoardings. LCSD would discuss with ArchSD in this direction, and the preliminary estimate was that the Islands District Council (IDC) would not be required to provide funding.
- (c) LCSD and ArchSD were open to the proposal of demolishing the barrier walls for reconstruction. Such proposal, as Mr LAI Tse-man mentioned, would however involve huge cost and take longer time.
- (d) On 1 November this year, LCSD invited the assistant of Ms Josephine TSANG to visit the football pitch. The department would hold discussions with Mr WONG Hoi-Yu, the rural committee concerned and the respective District Council members in greater detail upon submission of more concrete proposals by ArchSD in due course.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD had conducted a site visit to the football pitch with Peng Chau community leaders, and the relevant works departments were actively following up on feasible improvement proposals.)

30. Mr WONG Hoi-Yu was concerned that the enhancement works of the football pitch had been procrastinated for seven or eight years, with the commencement date still nowhere in sight.

31. Ms Josephine TSANG said that Peng Chau residents were of the view that the barrier walls had led to the low usage of the venue, and appreciated the preliminary proposal by ArchSD and LCSD to carry out enhancement works with limited time and budget. She reckoned that the proposal of removing 1 out of every 3 hoardings as feasible, and urged LCSD and ArchSD to inspect the venue and evaluate the proposal's effectiveness to avoid delay.

32. The Chairman urged LCSD to remedy the situation at the Peng Chau mini-football pitch the soonest possible.

(Mr WONG Hoi-yu left the meeting at around 2:50 p.m.)

V. Question on provision of HSBC mobile branch and passbook update machine service  
(Paper CACRC 51/2016)

33. The Chairman said The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) could not arrange representatives to attend the meeting but had provided a written reply for perusal by Members.

34. Mr Eric KWOK presented the question.

35. Mr FAN Chi-ping said it was very inconvenient for Tung Chung residents to spend more than an hour travelling to the airport in order to use HSBC's passbook updating service. He concurred with Mr KWOK that in addition to the installation of the passbook update machine, a cash deposit machine should also be provided.

36. Mr Randy YU opined that that in view of the limited mobility of elderly residents, requiring them to travel to as far as the airport or outside Tung Chung was not only time-consuming but also impractical. At an earlier meeting of the Islands Healthy City and Age-friendly Community Working Group, it was proposed that priority counters for senior citizens be opened at bank branches. However, the lack of bank branches in some districts made this proposal difficult to implement.

37. Ms Sammi FU said she had raised similar concerns at an earlier meeting of the Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee. The removal of the passbook update machine at Citygate had caused much inconvenience to Tung Chung residents who had to travel to the airport or Tsing Yi for a more complex range of banking services. As the population in Tung Chung continued to grow, HSBC should make proper arrangements to meet its customers' needs.

38. The Vice-Chairman said HSBC did not currently provide bank passbooks to customers under the age of 65, causing inconvenience to residents who didn't know how to use online banking services. She hoped that HSBC could install a passbook update machine and a cash deposit machine in the district.

39. Mr Eric KWOK criticized HSBC for delivering only a brief reply each time without any positive response. He suggested that the Secretariat should relay the concerns of Members to HSBC.

40. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that similar problems were encountered in the various communities of the Islands District, with little progress thus far despite multiple invitations to HSBC to arrange representatives to attend the committee meetings. He proposed setting up a working group to bring the various communities of the Islands District together to demand the banking sector for provision of the required services.

41. Mr Randy YU concurred with views of Mr KWONG Koon-wan, and proposed that the opinions of the various communities be consolidated and relayed to the Hong Kong Association of Banks or the respective sections of the banks overseeing corporate social responsibility. Alternatively, the opinions collected could be submitted to the working group for follow-up action.

42. Mr Eric KWOK said that the senior management of the banks might be unaware of the aspirations of the residents. Banks attached much importance to their image, and would not risk damaging their reputation on the issue of the passbook update machine. He supported conveying the relevant views through a working group or other mechanisms.

43. The Chairman suggested that the Secretariat write to HSBC to relay the aforesaid aspirations, with the proposal for setting up a working group to be considered in due course.

## VI. Report on anti-corruption projects in Islands District

44. The Chairman welcomed Mr WATT Wai-yeung, Edwin, Community Relations Officer (Hong Kong West / Islands) of Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to the meeting to give a briefing.

45. Mr Edwin WATT reported as follows:

(a) The "All for Integrity" District Anti-Corruption Activities

- The giant jigsaw puzzle solving event was held on 17 September 2016 at Lai Shuk Ying Memorial Plaza in Yat Tung Estate. Highlights of the event would be broadcast at the large-scale variety show to be held at a later time.

- (b) Activities in Kindergartens and Primary Schools
  - There were 15 primary schools participating in the “iTeen Camp” website activities, and 1 primary school took part in the territory-wide short video creation activity.
  - A total of 15 kindergartens participated in parent-child worksheet activities.
  - There were 4 kindergartens and 12 primary schools participating in parent-child activity book activities.
- (c) Activities in Secondary Schools
  - Students from 3 secondary schools in the district participated in the “iTeen Leadership Programme for Senior Secondary School Students”.
- (d) Visit to ICAC Headquarters
  - The activity was scheduled for 28 November 2016, and about 100 Tung Chung residents were estimated to take part.
- (e) “All for Integrity” Variety Show
  - The event was scheduled for 8 December 2016 at the International Trade and Exhibition Centre in Kowloon Bay, and ICAC would invite the chairmen of 18 District Councils or their representatives as officiating guests of the event.

## VII. Reports by Working Groups

### (i) CACRC Vetting Group

46. The Chairman said that the Vetting Group had processed 33 funding applications for Community Involvement Projects to be held from January to March 2017 at the meeting on 5 October. The funding proposals had been submitted to the Committee by circulation of paper for endorsement. In addition, the Chairman and Mr CHOW Yuk-tong declared their interests separately and would not express their views on a late funding application processed by the Vetting Group on 7 November.

47. Details of the approved funding applications as follows:

|                        |                                                      |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Activity (Code)        | : Carnival in South Lamma (413)                      |
| Applicant Organisation | : Lamma Island (South) Rural Committee               |
| Date of Event          | : 12 January 2017 ( Thursday)                        |
| Location               | : Lamma Rainbow Restaurant, Sok Kwu Wan              |
| Amount Applied         | : \$52,900                                           |
| Proposed Allocation    | : \$29,368                                           |
| Grounds for Approval   | : Promote mutual respect and respect for the elderly |

48. The Vetting Group noted the contents of 4 activity evaluation reports.

49. Ms KWOK Ka-ying commented that the expected number of participants for “Cherish Our Families • Embrace Our Community Fun Day” was higher than those of other activities, and hoped the Vetting Group would take note.

(ii) CACRC Activities Working Group

(a) Hong Kong Marathon- District Councils Challenge Cup

- The Hong Kong Amateur Athletics Association invited IDC to send a delegation to compete in the Hong Kong Marathon - District Councils Challenge Cup scheduled for 12 February 2017. Due to insufficient number of participants, the Islands District would not compete in the marathon.

(b) Islands District Cultural Festival

- “Islands District Oldies Concert In Celebration of the National Day” was successfully held at the Hong Kong Jockey Club Performing Arts Theatre at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts on 28 and 29 October this year.
- “Islands District Cantonese Opera Show In Celebration of the Lunar New Year” was scheduled for 3 and 4 January 2017. The application deadline for tickets was set at 14 November this year, and some tickets would be distributed at the Hong Kong City Hall in December.

(iii) Islands District International Day of Disabled Persons Working Group

(a) Central Celebration Ceremony

- This year's International Day of Disabled Persons celebration would be held at Conference Room N201, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center in Wanchai on 4 December (Sunday). The “18 Districts Caring Employers” Award Presentation Ceremony would continue to be held in recognition of employers of disabled persons in Hong Kong, and the final round of the “Inter-school Quiz on United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities” would also be held on the same day.

(b) Ocean Park Fun Day

- The Islands District’s “Ocean Park Fun Day” would be held on 20 November this year, and 200 admission tickets had been received. The working group had allocated \$24,586 to cover transport and food expenses.

(c) Free Ride Day for Disabled Persons

- The Free Ride Day for Disabled Persons would be held on 13 November (Sunday) this year.

(d) District Inclusion Activities

- The Working Group allocated \$25,000 to support 5 rehabilitation organisations in the district to organize integration activities, with each organisation awarded \$5,000.

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

(i) Cultural Activities

(Paper No. CACRC 45/2016)

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

51. Ms Kitty LEE briefly introduced the paper and supplemented the data about attendance of the free entertainment programmes at Annex II:

| Date       | Programmes                                                                      | Attendance<br>(No.) |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 30 October | Chinese Traditional Stage Art Show –<br>China Traditional Arts Hong Kong Troupe | 80                  |

52. Members noted the contents of the paper.

(ii) Extension Activities held in Public Libraries

(Paper No. CACRC 46/2016)

53. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHENG Yuet-mei, Librarian (Tung Chung Public Library) to the meeting to present the paper.

54. Ms CHENG Yuet-mei briefly introduced the paper.

55. Members noted the contents of the paper.

(iii) Sports and Recreational Activities

(Paper No. CACRC 47/2016)

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

57. Mr Raymond HAU briefly introduced the paper, and added that the "Islands District Distance Run" would be held in Tung Chung this year.

58. Members noted the contents of the paper.

IX. Any Other Business

(i) Hong Kong Flower Show 2017

59. Members noted that the Islands District would participate in the "Green Promotion Booth" activity of the captioned exhibition.

(ii) The 51th Hong Kong Brands & Products Expo

60. Members noted that the Islands District would participate in the 18 district activities of the captioned expo.

(iii) The 6th Hong Kong Games

61. The Chairman welcomed Mr NGAI Ka-sing, Anthony, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of LCSD to the meeting to give a briefing.

62. Mr Anthony NGAI said that the Organising Committee was conducting an athlete selection exercise and the Islands District Delegation would comprise 15 members, including 10 IDC members. In addition, he briefly introduced the timetable for the following activities:

- (a) 18 Districts Pledging Ceremony: 25 February 2017  
(Post-meeting note: The Islands District Pledging Ceremony was to be held on 4 March 2017.)
- (b) 18 Districts Cheering Team Competition: 19 March 2017
- (c) Opening Ceremony: 23 April 2017
- (d) Closing ceremony: 28 May 2017

63. Members endorsed the Islands District delegation list competing in the 6th Hong Kong Games. (See Annex)

X. Date of Next Meeting

64. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 9 January 2017 (Monday).

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