

(Translation)

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

Date : 8 March 2021 (Monday)
Time : 10:30 a.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room

Present

Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman)
Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman)
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, MH, JP
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS, MH
Mr CHAN Lin-wai, MH
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken (Arrived at around 10:40 a.m.)
Mr HO Chun-fai (Arrived at around 10:55 a.m.)
Mr HO Siu-kei
Ms WONG Chau-ping
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Mr TSUI Sang-hung, Sammy
Mr FONG Lung-fei
Mr LEE Ka-ho

In Attendance

Mr LI Ho, Thomas	Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Ms CHOW Yuen-on, Alice	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss CHU Po-yee, Polly	Senior Librarian (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Kin-sun	Senior Community Relations Officer (Hong Kong West/ Islands), Independent Commission Against Corruption
Ms LAM Fong-shing, Florence	Senior School Development Officer (Wanchai & Islands), Education Bureau
Mr WONG Chi-leung	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western/ Southern/Islands)2, Social Welfare Department
Mr LAM Kit-sing	Chairman, Islands District Sports Association
Ms CHOI Kwok-por	Chairman, Hong Kong Islands Cultural & Art Association

Secretary

Mr YEUNG Chiu-cheong, Mark

Executive Officer (District Council)1,
Islands District Office

Absent

Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho

Mr WONG Chun-yeung

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**Welcoming remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of the government departments and organisations as well as Members to the meeting.

2. Members noted that Ms YUEN Wai-kwan was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 1.2.2021

3. The Chairman said that the captioned minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by government departments and organisations and had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

4. No amendment was proposed and the captioned minutes were endorsed unanimously.

II. Visit arrangements to Community Involvement Projects  
(Paper CACRC 10/2021)

5. The Chairman invited Members to consider endorsing the proposed visit arrangements and the list of grouping for the visit which were stipulated on the paper.

6. Members voted by a show of hands and unanimously endorsed the visit arrangements of the community involvement projects.

III. Reports by Working Groups

(i) CACRC Vetting Group

7. The Chairman said that at the meeting on 22 February of the current year, the

Vetting Group processed 11 fund applications for the community involvement projects to be held in April and May this year. The relevant proposals would be submitted to the Committee for endorsement by circulation of paper. He invited Members to note the two relevant reports.

8. In addition, at the meeting, the Vetting Group proposed amendments to the Guidelines on the Use of Islands District Council Funds (Guidelines) and the “Funded Projects and Funding Ceiling under Community Involvement Programme”, including the addition of Clauses 2.22 and 2.23 in the Guidelines. Clause 2.22 stated “DC has the right to request organisations to open up activities to other groups of people in the Islands District”; and Clause 2.23 stated “Organisations applying for projects that are competition in nature should submit the competition schedules, as proofs for the projects, to the DC Secretariat at an appropriate time. If there are schools participating in the competitions, lists of participating schools should also be submitted”. Mr Eric KWOK also submitted a proposed amendment to the Secretariat after the meeting. The relevant paper was tabled at the meeting for Members’ perusal. Members were requested to consider whether to endorse the above-mentioned proposed amendment, and to conduct voting on the proposed amendments one by one.

9. Mr Eric KWOK said that Clause 2.22: “DC has the right to request organisations to open up activities to other groups of people in the Islands District” was added because in the previous year, there was an organisation which applied for funds to organise an activity in a certain housing estate. The activity was not open to the public. Only residents of the housing estate were notified and invited. As such, he proposed that in the future, activities organised had to be opened for participation by all Islands District residents. There should be no restrictions on the target participants.

10. Members voted by a show of hands on the addition of the Guidelines Clause 2.22: “DC has the right to request organisations to open up activities to other groups of people in the Islands District”. There were 13 voted for, zero against and one abstaining. The proposed amendment was endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Ms WONG Chau-ping abstained.)

11. Members voted by a show of hands on the addition of the Guidelines Clause 2.23: “Organisations applying for projects that are competition in nature should submit the competition schedules, as proofs for the projects, to the DC Secretariat at an appropriate time. If there are schools participating in the competitions, lists of participating schools should also be submitted”. There were 14 voted for. The proposed amendment was endorsed unanimously.

12. Members voted by a show of hands on a proposed amendment under the item

of “Transport” in the “General Funded Projects and Funding Ceiling under Community Involvement Programme” (“Funding Ceiling”): “The maximum number of people subsidised under tour activities be amended to 120”. There were 13 voted for, zero against and one abstaining. The proposed amendment was endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms WONG Chau-ping, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Mr YUNG Chi-ming abstained.)

13. Members voted by a show of hands on a proposed amendment under the item of “Venue” in the “General Funding Ceiling”: “The funding ceiling for sport suits be amended to \$300 per sport suit”. There were 12 voted for, zero against and three abstaining. The proposed amendment was endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Ms WONG Chau-ping and Mr FONG Lung-fei abstained.)

14. Members voted by a show of hands on a proposed amendment under the item of “Prizes” in the “General Funding Ceiling”: “The funding ceiling of souvenirs be amended to \$410 per item and the funding ceiling for prizes be amended to \$1,500 per unit”. There were 13 voted for, zero against and two abstaining. The proposed amendment was endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Ms WONG Chau-ping and Mr FONG Lung-fei abstained.)

15. Members voted by a show of hands on a proposed amendment under the item of “Gratuity” in the “General Funding Ceiling”: “Gratuity of staff be amended to \$45 per hour or not more than 25% of the total expenditure of the event.” There were 11 voted for, zero against and four abstaining. The proposed amendment was endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Ms WONG Chau-ping and Mr FONG Lung-fei abstained.)

16. Members voted by a show of hands on the proposal: “To review by 31 March 2022 the arrangement of the maximum number of applications for community

involvement projects by the following organisations, including the Rural Committees of various areas and the Discovery Bay City Owners Committee, organisations which trained district representatives to participate in competitions and individual district offices of organisations.” There were 14 voted for, zero against and one abstaining. The above-mentioned arrangement was endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms WONG Chau-ping, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Mr YUNG Chi-ming abstained.)

17. The Chairman invited Mr Eric KWOK to explain the proposed amendments to the subsidised programmes of district festivals and the funding ceiling.

18. Mr Eric KWOK said that there was a big difference between the amount of subsidy for the general community projects and that for district festivals. Take Chinese New Year activities as an example, if it was a general community subsidised project, the funding ceiling for “publicity” was \$500. It was meant for production of leaflets and other publicity materials. If the activity was a district festival, according to the “Funded Projects and Funding Ceiling under Community Involvement Programme”, there were only banners and flower baskets under the item “Publicity” and the ceiling for banners was \$200. As such, he proposed the addition of the item “Other publicity materials”. With regard to the funding ceiling for food and beverage of Chinese New Year activities, if the activity was classified as general community subsidised projects, the funding ceilings for volunteers for full-day and half-day activities were \$50 and \$25 respectively; if the activity was a district festival subsidised project, the funding ceilings for volunteers of full-day and half-day activities were \$35 and \$20 respectively.

19. Mr Thomas LI made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) He invited Members to consider the rationales for setting different sets of funding ceilings for district festivals and general community subsidised projects. He also pointed out that based on the past experience of the Vetting Group and the Secretariat in handling applications, most of the general community activities were outings/trips, while the district festivals mainly constituted shows/performances. For example, Chinese New Year, Dragon Boat Festival, Mid-Autumn Festival and National Day activities usually included performances and required the construction of stages. It was a clear sign that the nature of activities of district festival was different from that of the general community subsidised projects. Hence, the amounts of subsidy and the items to be funded might be different.
- (b) He noted that Mr Eric KWOK’s intention to align the funding ceiling for some items. However, the funding ceiling should be subject to the nature of activity. If the funding ceiling were to be aligned for the

sake of fairness, it would mean that all activities would be approved on the same basis, without delineating general community subsidised projects from district festival subsidised projects. However, if they should be differentiated, one had to consider whether there would be a genuine need to align the funding ceiling of each item. He also mentioned that the prevailing funding ceiling and subsidised items were the outcomes of years of deliberation by DC. More thoughts should be given before making any amendments.

20. Mr Eric KWOK pointed out that the funding ceiling for “district festivals” of the previous term of DC was applicable only to special groups. The funding ceiling for performance honorarium for district festival activities was \$10,000, which was higher than the \$5,000 for general community subsidised projects. In order to achieve a balance for the subsidy of the two categories of activities, the amount of subsidy in terms of food, prizes and souvenirs of district festival activities was small comparatively. As for the DC of the current term, the funding ceiling for district festivals was applicable to all groups. As such, he proposed to adjust the funding ceiling of some district festival activities to that for the general community subsidised projects. He said that the ceiling of performance honorarium for district festival activities would remain at \$10,000, which was higher than the \$5,000 of the general community subsidised projects. As such, there were still differences in the two categories of activities. As the activities of the Dragon Boat Racing and National Day involved special items, he did not propose amendments to these two district festival activities.

21. The Chairman requested Members to vote by a show of hands on the following proposed amendments to the “Chinese New Year activities” district festival subsidised projects and funding ceiling raised by Mr Eric KWOK one by one.

22. Members voted by a show of hands on the proposed amendment to the item “Publicity”: “The addition of the item ‘Other publicity materials’, the funding ceiling of which was \$300.” There were 12 voted for, zero against and three abstaining. The amended proposal was endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman), Mr YUNG Chi-ming, and Ms WONG Chau-ping abstained.)

23. Members voted by a show of hands on the proposed amendments to the item “Food and beverage”, including “‘Volunteers (Upper limit: 50 persons)’ - the funding ceiling of the item was amended to \$50 per head for whole day, \$25 per head for half day”; “‘Participants’ - the funding ceiling of the item was amended to \$34 per head for whole day, \$17 per head for half day”; “‘Elderlies’ - the funding ceiling of the item was amended to \$17 per head” and “‘Unpaid performers’ - the funding ceiling of the item was amended to \$50 per head”. There were 12 voted for, one against and two abstaining. The proposed amendments were endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Mr YUNG Chi-ming voted against. Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman) and Ms WONG Chau-ping abstained.)

24. Members voted by a show of hands on the proposed amendments to the item “Venue”, including “‘Lighting’ - the funding ceiling of the item was amended to \$1,045”; the “Deletion of the item ‘Materials’” and the “Addition of the item ‘Layout’ - the funding ceiling of the item was 20% of the amount after the deduction of subsistence allowance”. There were 12 voted for, zero against and four abstaining. The proposed amendments were endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Ms WONG Chau-ping and Ms Josephine TSANG abstained.)

25. Members voted by a show of hands on the proposed amendments to the item “Prize and souvenir”, including “‘Elderlies’ - the funding ceiling of the item was amended to \$20 per head with a maximum of 1 000 pieces” and “‘Organisations/volunteers’ - the funding ceiling of the item was amended to \$50 per head with a maximum of 10 pieces”. There were 12 voted for, zero against and four abstaining. The proposed amendments were endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman), Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr Ken WONG and Ms WONG Chau-ping abstained.)

26. Members voted by a show of hands on the proposed amendments to the item “Other expenditures”, including the “‘Fees for copyright for images’ - the funding ceiling of the item was amended to 10% of the approved project fund” and the “Addition of the item ‘licence fees’ - the funding ceiling of the item should be considered on a case-by-case basis”. There were 15 voted for, zero against and one abstaining. The proposed amendments were endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Ms WONG Chau-ping abstained.)

27. The Chairman requested Members to vote by a show of hands on the following proposed amendments to the “Mid-Autumn activities” district festival

subsidised projects and the funding ceiling raised by Mr Eric KWOK one by one.

28. Members voted by a show of hands on the proposed amendments to the item “Food and beverage”, including: “‘Volunteer’ - the funding ceiling of the item was amended to \$50 per head for whole day and \$25 per head for half day”; “‘Elderly, unpaid performer/instructor’ would be split into the item ‘Elderly’ and ‘Unpaid performer/instructor’. The funding ceiling of the item for ‘Elderly’ was amended to \$17 per head and the funding ceiling of the item for ‘Unpaid performer’ was amended to \$50 per head” and “the funding ceiling of the item for ‘Participant’ was amended to \$34 per head for whole day and \$17 per head for half day”. There were 15 voted for, zero against and one abstaining. The proposed amendments were endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms WONG Chau-ping, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman) abstained.)

29. Members voted by a show of hands on the proposed amendment to the item “Venue”, including “‘Lighting’ - the funding ceiling of the item was amended to \$1,045”. There were 14 voted for, zero against and two abstaining. The proposed amendment was endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms WONG Chau-ping, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman) and Mr Randy YU abstained.)

30. Members voted by a show of hands on the proposed amendments to the item “Prize and souvenir”, including the “‘Deletion of the wording ‘Souvenir banner’ from ‘Volunteers or organisations’”, the “Deletion of the item ‘Trophy for competition’”, “The funding ceiling of the item ‘Souvenirs for volunteers/organisations’ was amended to \$50 per head with a maximum number of 30 pieces” and the “Addition of the item ‘Elderly’ with a funding ceiling of \$20 per head”. There were 11 voted for, zero against and five abstaining. The proposed amendments were endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr HO Chun-fai and Ms WONG Chau-ping abstained.)

31. Members voted by a show of hands on the proposed amendment to the item “Other expenditures”, including the “‘Fees for copyright for images’ - the funding ceiling of the item was amended to 10% of the approved project fund” and the “Addition of the item ‘Licence fees’ - the funding ceiling of the item should be considered on a case-by-case basis. There were 14 voted for, zero against and two



abstaining. The proposed amendments were endorsed.

(Members voted for included: Mr WONG Man-hon (Chairman), Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho. Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman) and Ms WONG Chau-ping abstained.)

32. The Chairman reiterated that after Members' endorsement, the above-mentioned proposed amendments had to be submitted to DC for approval. The relevant proposed amendments would be applicable to activities to be organised on or after 1 September 2021.

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

33. The Chairman said that working report of the Working Group was tabled at the meeting for Members' perusal. Members were requested to consider whether to endorse the report.

34. Members unanimously endorsed the report.

(Mr Ken WONG arrived at around 10:40 a.m.; Mr HO Chun-fai arrived at around 10:55 a.m.)

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

(i) Cultural Activities  
(Paper CACRC 7/2021)

35. The Chairman welcomed Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to the meeting to present the paper.

36. Ms Jasmine WONG briefly presented the paper. Members did not have follow-up questions.

(ii) Extension Activities held in Public Libraries  
(Paper CACRC 8/2021)

37. The Chairman welcomed Miss CHU Po-yee, Polly, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to the meeting to present the paper.

38. Miss Polly CHU briefly presented the paper. Members did not have follow-up questions.

(iii) Sports and Recreational Activities  
(Paper CACRC 9/2021)

39. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHOW Yuen-on, Alice, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to the meeting to present the paper.

40. Ms Alice CHOW briefly presented the paper. Members did not have follow-up questions.

V. Any Other Business

41. Members did not raise other business.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

42. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. The next meeting would be held at 10:30 a.m. on 3 May 2021 (Monday).

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