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

Date : 4 July 2022 (Monday)
Time : 2:00 p.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present

Mr WONG Man-hon, MH (Chairman)
Ms LAU Shun-ting (Vice-Chairman)
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS, MH
Mr CHAN Lin-wai, MH
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Ms WONG Chau-ping (Arrived at around 2:16 p.m.)
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Mr FONG Lung-fei

Attendance by Invitation

Ms CHUNG Dip-fun, Sarah	Property Service Manager/Service (Hong Kong Island & Islands)5, Housing Department
Mr LAU Wing-kit, Jimmy	Assistant District Leisure Manager (Islands)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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
Ms CHU Po-yee, Polly	Senior Librarian (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms Merry LIM	Manager (New Territories South) Marketing & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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

Ms KWOK Man-lai

Ms CHOI Kwok-por

Representative,
Association of School Heads of Islands District
Chairman,
Hong Kong Islands Cultural & Art Association

Secretary

Mr YEUNG Chiu-cheong, Mark

Executive Officer (District Council)1, Islands District Office

Absent with Apologies

Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy

Mr HO Chun-fai

Mr HO Siu-kei

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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 Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, Mr HO Chun-fai and Mr HO Siu-kei were unable to attend the meeting owing to other commitments.

I. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 10 May 2022**

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. No amendments were proposed and the captioned minutes were endorsed unanimously.

II. **Question on the security of Ying Tung Estate**  
(Paper CACRC 14/2022)

4. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHUNG Dip-fun, Sarah, Property Service Manager/Service (Hong Kong Island & Islands)5 of the Housing Department to the meeting to respond to the question.

5. Mr FONG Lung-fei briefly presented the question and played a video at the meeting.

6. Ms Sarah CHUNG responded as follows:

- (a) The podium of Ying Tung Estate was located on the first floor and connected each building. Residents and visitors could use the staircase or lift on the ground floor to reach the podium directly. In the event of emergency, people on the podium could use the emergency entrance on the first floor of each building to enter the building, and then go to the ground floor via the staircases to leave the podium safely. Each emergency entrance had been installed with signal lights and buzzers.
- (b) At the early stage of resident intake of Ying Tung Estate, the department received comments that the flashing lights and the sounds of the signal lights and the buzzers of the buildings would cause nuisance to the nearby residents when they were activated. As a result, the department adjusted the alarm arrangement so that when the door of the emergency entrance was opened, the alarm system control panel at the security post on the ground floor would flash and sound. Security guards would be aware of the situation immediately and alert to the situation. All emergency entrances were installed with closed-circuit television (CCTV) systems. The department had recently inspected all the emergency alarm systems and all of them were operating normally.
- (c) The emergency entrance was for emergency escape only. The estate office had posted a notice on the gate of the emergency entrance to remind residents not to use it in non-emergency situations.

7. Mr FONG Lung-fei expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He had inspected the location concerned. The podium on the first floor of the estate was installed with main gates and residents had to enter a password for entry. In addition, there were also fire escapes in the buildings of the estate connecting to the public space on the ground floor. However, he found that the buildings had entrances/exits to the lobby directly and there was no security facilities along the way, allowing non-residents to enter and exit freely. Like what the video had shown, he made his way through the entrance/exit concerned to the lobby without encountering any hindrance.
- (b) The department had mentioned that the estate was installed with alarm systems and CCTVs, which could detect the entry of outsiders and produce an alarm. However, he was able to enter and exit freely that day. He inspected the passage concerned again several days ago and the situation remained the same. Apart from emergency access, there were other entrances/exits leading to the public space on the ground floor in each building. He did not understand why people could be allowed to enter and exit these passages freely.
- (c) If the department made relevant arrangement to prevent the sound from

the alarm system from causing nuisance to the residents, so that anyone could enter and exit freely, it would constitute a security loophole. He said that some members of public reported to him the relevant problem and hoped that the department and the management company would look for solutions.

8. Ms Sarah CHUNG responded as follows:

- (a) The department was aware of the situation. Since the entrances/exits were used for emergency escape, they could not be locked.
- (b) The department would continue to monitor the situation and look for optimisation solutions.

9. The Chairman enquired whether the fire escapes were installed with CCTVs.

10. Ms Sarah CHUNG said that CCTVs had been installed at the entrances of the fire escapes for the security guards of the buildings to monitor the situation.

11. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that outsiders could use emergency exits or other entrances/exits connecting the public space to enter different floors of the buildings to commit illegal acts. He considered that the arrangement inappropriate and hoped that the department would improve it.

12. Ms Sarah CHUNG responded as follows:

- (a) The department noted Members' views and would consider whether there were other optimisation solutions.
- (b) When the buildings were constructed, the relevant elements of the use of emergency escapes had been taken into account. Therefore, the department would also be constrained by the elements when considering the relevant optimisation solutions.

(Ms WONG Chau-ping arrived at the meeting at around 2:16 p.m.)

### III. Questions on the Tung Chung Swimming Pool (Paper CACRC 15/2022)

13. The Chairman welcomed Mr LAU Wing-kit, Jimmy, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)2 of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to respond to the question.

14. Mr FONG Lung-fei briefly presented the paper.

15. Mr Jimmy LAU briefly presented the written reply and supplemented that

recruitment of seasonal lifeguards was delayed due to the epidemic. Therefore, it was temporarily unable to arrange sufficient lifeguards to be on duty at the Tung Chung Swimming Pool.

16. Mr FONG Lung-fei expressed his views as follows:

- (a) Before the outbreak of the epidemic, the children's pool of the Tung Chung Swimming Pool was often closed. The Tung Chung District was divided into Tung Chung West and Tung Chung North. Tung Chung North mainly consisted of private housing estates, which were furnished with swimming pools. As a result, most members of public who used the Tung Chung Swimming Pool were residents of Tung Chung West. Tung Chung West had a population of 70 000 and the number of children was roughly estimated to be about 2 000. Many of them did not know how to swim, so they could not use the main pool which was 1.4 metres deep. If they wanted to play in the water in summer, they could only use the children's pool.
- (b) There were few venues for recreation activities in Tung Chung and it was not convenient for parents to take children outside the district. He hoped that the department would open the children's pool for public use.
- (c) He enquired whether there were only eight swimming lanes in the main pool.

17. Mr Jimmy LAU responded that there were ten swimming lanes in the main pool.

18. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He was concerned about part (1) and part (3) of the question. Regarding part (1) of the question, he did not understand why the children's pool was still not open as summer had come. He said that before the Islands District Council (IDC) fought for the construction of the Tung Chung Swimming Pool, many children played in the water at Wong Lung Hang in the Tung Chung River in Shek Mun Kap and in the vicinity of the old pier at the Ma Wan Chung Village because of a shortage of swimming facilities in the district. Owing to the lack of life-saving facilities at these places, there were incidents in which children were drowned, which prompted the department to expedite the construction of the Tung Chung Swimming Pool. At present, the Tung Chung Swimming Pool had commenced operation. He considered that the department should explain why the children's pool was often closed. If there was no good reason, he considered that the department should open the children's swimming pool as soon as possible.
- (b) Regarding part (3) of the question, he said that the IDC of the previous

term had received complaints from many residents about organisations renting the swimming lanes for business activities, depriving other residents of their rights to use the swimming pool. He did not understand why organisations could rent public facilities to engage in business activities. It was hoped that the department would explain to Members:

- (i) Whether organisations could conduct profit-making activities at the swimming pool;
- (ii) How the department screened the organisations that hired the lanes of swimming pool; and
- (iii) Whether there was any Ordinance which regulated and monitored the organisations concerned.

19. Mr Jimmy LAU made consolidated responses as follows:

- (a) The department understood that members of public wanted to use the training pool but there were not sufficient lifeguards arranged for opening the main pool and the training pool of the Tung Chung Swimming Pool at the same time. Taking into account that the higher capacity of the main pool than the training pool would enable more members of public to use the swimming facilities during the swimming season, the department had given priority to the opening of the main pool. Nevertheless, the department noted the views of members of public on the opening of the training pool and would review the relevant situation in due course.
- (b) Regarding the hiring of swimming lanes by organisations, up to four swimming lanes could be booked and reserved by organisations for training purpose at the Tung Chung Swimming Pool during opening hours according to the department's booking guidelines. Individual swimming teaching activities could be conducted in an orderly manner as long as other users were not affected.

20. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:

- (a) At the previous meeting, Members mentioned that the beach in Cheung Chau could not be opened due to the shortage of lifeguards. So far, the department had not solved the problem of insufficient lifeguards. It was not satisfactory to see that the swimming pool could not be opened for public use. He hoped that the department would follow up as soon as possible and notify the Committee after the successful recruitment of lifeguards and opening of the swimming pool.
- (b) He would write a letter to enquire the department about the policy concerned and whether the above business activity was allowed under

the Ordinance. If it was allowed, he would enquire the department how to monitor it.

21. The Chairman said that the problem of insufficient lifeguards had existed for many years and the situation was particularly serious in the swimming season. He opined that the department trained lifeguards mostly in summer only. He suggested that the department could conduct training in different quarters of the year so that people interested in working as lifeguards could obtain lifeguard awards, thereby increasing the number of lifeguards to improve the situation.

22. Ms WONG Chau-ping said Members had just mentioned that children were unfortunately drowned when swimming in streams and places including the old Tung Chung Pier due to the shortage of swimming facilities in Tung Chung District. She said that Members had repeatedly raised with the departments concerned in recent years that although the existing law did not prohibit members of the public from swimming at the old Tung Chung Pier, the location was much frequented by vessels. With people often diving and swimming there, accidents would likely happen as the moving vessels might not be able to spot them. Therefore, members of the public should not swim there. She suggested that legislation be enacted to regulate such behaviour. If it was not feasible, the Government should warn members of the public against swimming there.

23. Mr Jimmy LAU said that the department noted Members' concern about the shortage of lifeguards, which would be relayed to the section concerned with a view to increasing the number of lifeguards at the Tung Chung Swimming Pool as soon as possible.

24. Mr Thomas LI opined that Members could discuss the solutions with the departments concerned after the meeting, such as hanging banners to advise members of the public not to engage in water sports activities at the old Tung Chung Pier.

IV. Question on the promotion and organisation of breakdance competitions  
(Paper CACRC 16/2022)

25. The Chairman welcomed Ms Merry Lim, Manager (New Territories South) Marketing and District Activities of the LCSD to the meeting to respond to the question.

26. Mr FONG Lung-fei briefly presented the question.

27. Ms Merry LIM responded as follows:

- (a) The department had been committed to promoting the development of the arts in the community, hoping to integrate arts into life. In this connection, the department held different arts and cultural programmes in various districts and promoted performing arts in the community every year. In November 2021, the department held a dance theatre performance titled "I Am Here for You" for members of the public for

free at Discovery Bay Community Hall. Although it was not a breakdancing performance, it was “locking” and “hip-hop dance” under street dance. The Programme Offices under the Cultural Services Branch noted Members’ views and would refer to them when planning programmes in the future. The Leisure Services Branch had planned to hold three breakdancing activities in Tung Chung in the next few months, which included demonstration, teaching and practice of basic breakdancing steps. Participants would be invited to take part in breakdancing together as part of the promotion.

- (b) Regarding whether the LCSD would consider hosting breakdance competitions, apart from hosting and sponsoring cultural performances and providing arts education through different programmes and activities to build a wider audience base and popularise arts and culture, the LCSD promoted the development of performing arts by managing and renting out performance venues. The department welcomed interested organisations to hire the LCSD’s venues to hold breakdance competitions. Eligible non-profit-making arts organisations in Islands District could apply to the LCSD for venue sponsorship to hire Tsuen Wan Town Hall for holding breakdance competitions.

28. Mr FONG Lung-fei expressed his views as follows;

- (a) He was pleased to learn that the department would hold breakdance activities in Tung Chung. He said that Tung Chung was a remote area with many people of different races, many of whom were young people. Some young people practised breakdancing on the streets in Tung Chung every week. They told him that they hoped the Government would hold breakdance competitions in the district. Regarding the venues for holding competitions, they said that the skateboard ground off Caribbean Coast was far away from residential buildings. Breakdance competitions held there would not affect residents and could attract young people nearby to participate. He hoped that the LCSD would rent out the venue concerned to young people.
- (b) He suggested that the department should take the initiative to promote breakdancing to provide more choices of activities for young people in the district, promote racial integration in the district and enhance public interest in the activity.
- (c) Although some breakdance moves were quite difficult, there were also some simpler steps. Breakdancing was suitable for different people and was good for the body and the mind.

29. Ms Merry LIM said that the department would refer to the views put forward by Members when organising activities in the future.



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

(i) Cultural Activities

(Paper CACRC 11/2022)

30. The Chairman welcomed Ms Merry Lim, Manager (New Territories South) Marketing and District Activities of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

31. Ms Merry LIM briefly presented the paper.

32. Members noted the paper.

(ii) Extension Activities held in Public Libraries

(Paper CACRC 12/2022)

33. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHU Po-yee, Polly, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

34. Ms Polly CHU briefly presented the paper.

35. Members noted the paper.

(iii) Sports and Recreational Activities

(Paper CACRC 13/2022)

36. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHOW Yuen-on, Alice, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

37. Ms Alice CHOW briefly presented the paper.

38. Members noted the paper.

VI. Reports by Working Groups

(i) CACRC Activities Working Group

39. The working group would hold the “Islands District Cantonese Opera Show in Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment to the HKSAR” and the “Islands District Council Presents: Golden Songs Concert in Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment to the HKSAR” in August and November 2022 respectively. The total estimated expenditure of the two events was \$1.55 million. Details were set out in the work report tabled at the meeting.

40. Mr Eric KWOK said that such events were cancelled in the past two years due to the epidemic. He asked the department whether it was confident that the events could

be held successfully.

41. The Chairman said that the events concerned were very popular in the district. However, the development of the epidemic was unpredictable and the Government's anti-epidemic guidelines had to be complied with. He hoped that the epidemic would end as soon as possible, so that the events could be held smoothly.

42. Members unanimously endorsed the above working group report.

## VII. Any Other Business

### Occupational Safety and Health Promotion Campaign 2022-23

43. The Chairman said that the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) wrote to the IDC earlier on the Occupational Safety and Health Promotion Campaign 2022-23. He asked the Secretary to brief on the details.

44. The Secretary said that the OSHC wrote to the Chairman of the IDC earlier, saying that a subsidy of \$40,000 would be provided to the IDC and local organisations this year for holding occupational safety and health promotion campaigns. The letter and the funding guidelines concerned were tabled at the meeting. After the Chairman of the IDC gave his consent to the Committee to follow up on the matter, the Secretariat sent a letter to invite organisations in the district to apply for the subsidy. Three applications were received from the Tung Chung Rouliqiu Association, the Discovery Bay Services Management Limited and the HKFEW Wong Cho Bau School. The application forms were tabled at the meeting for Members' perusal.

45. The Secretary asked Members to declare interest before vetting the applications. Members present said that they had no interest to declare.

46. The Secretary said that he had made enquiries with the OSHC. The OSHC said that the Committee could recommend more than one organisation, but the total subsidy amount would be capped at \$40,000.

47. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He suggested that priority should be given to new applicants. He enquired whether the Committee had recommended any applications from the Tung Chung Rouliqiu Association before.
- (b) The Discovery Bay Services Management Limited mentioned in its application that it would hold talks with the themes "Safety of Work above Ground", "Prevention of Lower Limb Muscle Strain" and "Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases". He enquired whether the speakers of the talks possessed any recognised qualifications.

- (c) He remembered that the Committee had recommended the applications of the HKFEW Wong Cho Bau School before. The school mentioned in its application this time that it would hold a talk on “Healthy School”. He asked the Secretariat to provide the details of the talk.

48. The Secretary responded as follows:

- (a) The Committee had recommended the applications from the HKFEW Wong Cho Bau School in the past two years, while the Tung Chung Rouliqiu Association and the Discovery Bay Service Management Limited were new applicants.
- (b) The Discovery Bay Service Management Limited had reserved payment to the speakers in the “Expected Expenditure” section of the application form, but it did not provide any information of the speakers.
- (c) The application of the HKFEW Wong Cho Bau School this time was similar to those in the past two years. The school mainly held talks on health to share knowledge on healthy diet and sports with school staff.

49. Mr Eric KWOK enquired how the recommended applications were selected and what the role of the Committee was.

50. The Secretary said that the IDC was responsible for recommending applications for a total subsidy amount not more than \$40,000 to the OSHC. It was the OSHC who would finally decide whether to accept the applications concerned and approve the subsidies applied for.

51. Ms WONG Chau-ping enquired whether the recommended applications had to use up the maximum subsidy amount of \$40,000. For example, whether it was feasible to recommend two applications for a total amount less than \$40,000 or to recommend only one application for an amount of \$10,000.

52. The Secretary said that \$40,000 was the maximum subsidy amount that could be applied for. Supposing Members chose to recommend the Tung Chung Rouliqiu Association’s application for an amount of \$34,300, applications from the other two organisations could not be recommended. If Members considered that the applications from the other two organisations were more suitable, they could recommend both applications of the two organisations as long as the total amount of subsidies applied for did not exceed \$40,000.

53. Mr Eric KWOK suggested recommending the applications from the Discovery Bay Service Management Limited and the HKFEW Wong Cho Bau School.

54. Mr YUNG Chi-ming agreed with Mr Eric KWOK’s suggestion. He opined that the content of the two applications was more relevant to the theme.

55. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the application(s) to be recommended. In the end, the Committee decided to recommend the two applications from the Discovery Bay Service Management Limited and the HKFEW Wong Cho Bau School to the OSHC with six votes in favour, zero against, and three abstention.

(Members voted in favour included: the Chairman Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG and Mr Eric KWOK. Mr FONG Lung-fei, the Vice-Chairman Ms LAU Shun-ting and Ms WONG Chau-ping abstained.)

VIII. Date of Next Meeting

56. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 6 September 2022 (Tuesday).

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