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

Date : 8 November 2021 (Monday)
Time : 10:30 a.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 YU Hon-kwan, Randy, MH, JP (Arrived at around 10:45 a.m.)
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS, MH
Mr CHAN Lin-wai, MH
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Mr HO Siu-kei
Ms WONG Chau-ping
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Mr FONG Lung-fei

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 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
Ms KWOK Man-lai	Representative, Association of School Heads of Islands District
Mr LAM Kit-sing, MH	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 with Apologies

Mr HO Chun-fai

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**Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of different government departments, organisations and Members to the Meeting.

2. Members noted that Mr HO Chun-fai was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 20 September 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. Members did not propose any other amendments and the captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously.

II. **Question on the promotion of the development of leisure and sports activities in Tung Chung**  
(Paper CACRC 32/2021)

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

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

7. Ms Alice CHOW invited Members to refer to the written reply submitted by the Department.

8. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that the activities mentioned in the Department's written reply were co-organised with other sports organisations. He had asked the Department if the skateboard ground in Tung Chung North Park could be hired, but the

reply was that the venue was not for hire but only for the general use of the public. He said that the Department's reply was not consistent. He had rendered assistance to some organisations in organising street dance and skateboard competitions, but the effort was in vain. He said that by now only Tung Chung North Park had a skateboard park. Residents of Tung Chung West would need to spend one hour for travelling to it. Since there was a shortage of the necessary venues and facilities, some people always played skateboard in the football court next to the police station in the evening. There were also people bringing along their own materials to practice street dance in the Lai Suk Ying Memorial Square at Yat Tung Estate in the evening. He hoped that the Department would provide more venues and spaces for these people, or to cooperate with relevant organisations to organise more recreational and sports activities for the public's participation.

9. Mr Eric KWOK said that Hong Kong athletes had made great achievements in the recent concluded Olympic Games. However, the support provided by the Home Affairs Bureau and the LCSD to green athletes had yet to be enhanced. He said that sports facilities in the Islands District were far from enough. The related issues were unable to be resolved even after discussions at previous District Councils. For instance, Tung Chung had a population of nearly 200,000, but it still lacked a proper football court. From 2005 to 2006, a group of young people from Fu Tung Estate had requested for a skateboard ground. After meeting with the then Director, they successfully secured the building of a skateboard ground in Tung Chung North Park. However, the Department did not make full use of it. He hoped that the Department would listen to the views of Members to open up the relevant venue for hire by the public so that more activities could be organised to make good use of the only skateboard ground in Tung Chung. The Department should follow up the issue positively to meet the needs of residents in South Lantau rather than simply making written replies or noting the issue.

10. Mr Ken WONG said that venue planning under the LCSD was not up to standard. For example, some playgrounds lacked changing rooms. The playground at Peng Chau Peak did not have sufficient lighting facilities. There were lamp posts but light bulbs could not be installed. Since residents in the neighborhood had strong views against light pollution, lighting was only available on one side of the playground such that it could not be used in the evening due to insufficient lighting. He considered that the Department should improve the venues' existing facilities.

11. Ms Alice CHOW made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The skateboard ground in Tung Chung North Park was generally open to public. In the past, no organisations had ever hired the whole venue. If eligible organisation or National Sports Association (NSA) wished to hire the whole skateboard ground for training or competition, in accordance with the "The Booking Procedure For the Use of Non-Fee Charging Recreation and Sports Facilities" and with reference to the priority accorded to the relevant association, they might apply for the booking of the venue from 3 to 12 months in advance.

- (b) The District Leisure Services Offices would organise relatively more popular activities having regard to available resources. The Department's Headquarters had a designated Section responsible for reviewing the scope and strategies of sports development with NSA of new sports. In promoting new sports, professional advice and technical support from the relevant NSA were required, including qualified instructors, training content, sports equipment, etc. to ensure that participants could join the activities in a safe and systematic manner. She would relay the views of Members to the relevant section and liaise with the related NSA to study the feasibility of promoting their activities in the District, including the development trend and the supporting requirements.

12. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that there were always young people playing skateboard in the playground at On Tung Street, which was adjacent to a piece of abandoned land without any recreational and sports facilities. He hoped that the Department would consider building a small-size skateboard ground on it. If it was necessary to prevent footballs from the playground hitting users in the adjacent land, he suggested making use of another piece of land at the back of the playground to build the small-size skateboard ground. He said that it was not easy to reach the skateboard ground in Tung Chung North Park, because the means of transport reaching it in the evening were few and the frequency was sparse, and was prohibitive to people. He hoped the Department would build a small-size skateboard ground in Tung Chung West and install simple supporting facilities to make good use of the abandoned land.

13. Mr Eric Kwok said that since the skateboard ground in Tung Chung North Park was a standard skateboard ground, he hoped the Department would organise skateboard training classes in South Lantau to enable lovers of this sport to follow proper channels to join this exciting and energetic sport. He also hoped the Department would inform the District Council as quickly as possible when specific information was available, so that Members could assist in publicity.

14. Mr CHAN Lin-wai said that the Department had the responsibility to take heed of the needs of residents in different districts in outlying islands for recreational and sports facilities. For example, Lamma Island only had football and basketball courts but did not have other recreational and sports facilities. Therefore, it was very inconvenient for residents who needed to go to the Hong Kong Island for using recreational and sports facilities. In this connection, the Department should consult Members of the District or Rural Committees concerned about the actual needs in the District. He had once proposed to provide a beach volleyball court which did not occupy much space, but the Department did not follow up. He said that the Department always responded to proposals raised by Members in writing, without on-site inspections or discussions conducted. He hoped the Department would carry out site inspections and consult Members of the District to review the needs of the Islands District in the future. This would help to provide sufficient space for young people in the Islands District for organising recreational and sports activities.

15. Ms Alice CHOW made a consolidated response as follows:
- (a) The On Tung Street playground was not managed by LCSD.
  - (b) The Department would actively approach Members of the constituency or Rural Committees to understand the needs for recreational and sports facilities.
  - (c) The Department would liaise with the relevant NSA for the provision of qualified instructors and assistance in organising fun days to enable local residents to take part in new sports.
16. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that the piece of land at the back of On Tung Street playground was not part of the playground. It could be a green belt area probably under the purview of the Lands Department. He proposed that the Department should pay a site inspection first to study the feasibility of building a small-size skateboard ground, instead of just making a reply to say that the site was not under the purview of the Department. He said that he was willing to accompany the Department's staff for the inspection.
17. The Chairman suggested that the Department should make an arrangement after the meeting with Mr FONG Lung-fei to conduct a site inspection.
18. Ms Alice CHOW said that she was, for the time being, unsure about the location of the site mentioned by Mr FONG Lung-fei. She would find out more details from him later on.

(Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy joined the meeting at about 10:45 a.m.)

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

(i) Cultural Activities  
(Paper CACRC 29/2021)

19. The Chairman welcomed Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of LCSD to the meeting to present the Paper.

20. Ms Jasmine WONG briefly presented the Paper.

21. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his appreciation towards the Department's active arrangements for a series of art, dancing and cultural programmes.

(ii) Extension Activities held in Public Libraries  
(Paper CACRC 30/2021)

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

23. Ms Polly CHU briefly presented the Paper.

24. Members did not have any follow-up questions.

(iii) Sports and Recreational Activities  
(Paper CACRC 31/2021)

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

26. Ms Alice CHOW briefly presented the Paper. She said that the member list of the working group for the 8<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Games (HKG)'s Islands District delegation had already been supported and endorsed by the Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee on 9 September last year. Given that some members resigned earlier on, the Secretariat of the HKG, through the Islands District Council Secretariat, wrote to invite Members who had not joined the working group to fill the vacancies. She now presented a renewed list of membership through slides for Members to note and refer to. Following the formation of the working group and the delegation, the Secretariat of the HKG would immediately organise a working group meeting after this Committee meeting. Working group members would be briefed on the latest arrangements of the HKG and discussions would be held on the organisation matters. Members were invited to note the above arrangements.

27. Mr YUNG Chi-ming enquired about the venue of the lifesaving class to be held in July as spelt out in Annex I. He said that Cheung Chau had organised many lifesaving classes in the past which were usually organised by the Life Saving Association. However, no more such classes were organised now. He discussed with the Life Saving Association earlier to know if classes would be held and the Association indicated that the LCSD had no longer organised these classes. He then asked when the lifesaving classes would be held in Cheung Chau.

28. Ms Alice CHOW said that the venue for the lifesaving class to be held in July would be Tung Chung Swimming Pool. The Department would later review if lifesaving classes could be held in Cheung Chau.

29. Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that many young people would like to join the lifesaving classes in Cheung Chau in the past year. He therefore discussed with the Life Saving Association and found that there were some difficulties in holding the training as it was in winter season. He urged the Department to assist in organising the classes in April next year and to assist in putting up public notices in a timely manner to let young people in Cheung Chau know the contents of the class and enrol for it. He said that Cheung Chau used to organise lifesaving classes and first-aid courses frequently to cultivate quite a number of lifeguards.

30. Ms Alice CHOW agreed that increasing the number of lifesaving classes would help increase the supply of lifeguards. Since there was no swimming pool provided in Cheung Chau by the LCSD at present, the Department would explore the possibility of booking other swimming pool(s) in Cheung Chau to hold lifesaving classes in April.

IV. Any Other Business

CACRC Vetting Group

31. At the meeting held on 18 October this year, the Vetting Group processed 32 funding applications for community involvement projects to be held from January to March 2022.

32. Four activity evaluation reports were tabled at the meeting for Members' information.

V. Date of Next Meeting

33. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting would be held at 10:30 a.m. on 3 January 2022 (Monday).

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