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

Date : 9 December 2024 (Monday)
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present

Chairman

Mr WONG Man-hon, MH

Vice-Chairman

Mr HUI Chun-lung, MH

Members

Mr NG Man-kit
Mr HO Siu-kei
Mr HO Chun-fai
Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP
Mr CHOW Yuen-kuk, Jonathan
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Mr YIP Pui-kei
Mr LAU Chin-pang
Ms LAU Suk-han
Ms LAU Shun-ting

Co-opted Members

Ms XIANG Ming-han
Mr NG Tak-wai

Attendance by Invitation

Ms CHEUNG Suk-man	Chief Health Inspector (Islands)2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms KWOK Pui-lai	Senior Health Inspector (Hawker & Market) Islands, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms Yanny YU	Senior Consultant, Occupational Safety and Health Council

In Attendance

Ms AU YEUNG Wing-sum, Livia	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Ms CHU Lai-yee, Agnes	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy	Senior Librarian (Islands) (Acting), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAM Fong-shing, Florence	Senior School Development Officer (Wanchai & Islands), Education Bureau

Secretary

Ms CHAN Ying-tung, Shadow	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Islands District Office
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**Welcoming Remarks**

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

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2024

2. The Chairman said that the captioned minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by government departments and had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. The minutes were confirmed unanimously without further amendments proposed by Members.

II. Introduction on the 2025 Lunar New Year Fair in Islands District (CICRC Paper No. 22/2024)

3. The Chairman drew Members' attention to the CICRC Paper No. 22/2024, and welcomed Ms CHEUNG Suk-man, Chief Health Inspector (Islands)2 and Ms KWOK Pui-lai, Senior Health Inspector (Hawker & Market) Islands of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the meeting to present the paper.

4. Ms CHEUNG Suk-man briefly presented the paper.

5. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members enquired about the bidding status of the stalls and how the Department would promote the Lunar New Year Fair to attract the

public to visit the fair.

- (b) Members suggested that the Department should consider hosting the Lunar New Year Fair at other venues in the district, such as the five-a-side hard-surface soccer pitch cum handball court in the Tung Chung North Park and the Tung Chung East Promenade, and arranging for the Lunar New Year Fair to be held in conjunction with other Lunar New Year activities in the district, such as lighting activities, to achieve synergy.
- (c) Members suggested that the Department should invite secondary schools in the district to operate stalls at the Lunar New Year Fair, so as to make the stalls more diversified and enhance the atmosphere, thereby attracting visitors of different age groups.

6. The Chairman expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He considered that the Department should step up publicity on the Lunar New Year Fair and suggested that the Department should organise a launching ceremony on the official opening day of the fair to attract the public to visit.
- (b) Apart from the wet and dry goods stalls, he suggested that the Department should consider adding cooked food stalls to enhance the attractiveness of the Lunar New Year Fair, thereby boosting the business of the stalls in the venue.

7. Ms CHEUNG Suk-man gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) A total of 27 stalls would be set up at the Lunar New Year Fair, of which 23 stalls had been leased out in the open auction on 25 October. Additionally, three dry goods stalls had been leased out on a first-come-first-served basis, while the remaining one dry goods stall had yet to be leased out.
- (b) The Department would step up publicity on the Lunar New Year Fair, such as setting up “photo spots”, putting up banners and posters, distributing gifts, and setting up light decorations at the entrance.
- (c) The Department was open to the suggestions raised by Members regarding the location of the Lunar New Year Fair. If Members had other suggestions regarding the location of the fair, they should raise them as soon as possible, so that the Department could make early arrangements with the relevant departments.
- (d) The Department would consider distributing bidding notices or promotional leaflets on the Lunar New Year Fair stalls to schools in the

district in the future to encourage students to participate in the bidding. Given that the rentals of the stalls were affordable, i.e. \$380 for a wet goods stall for seven days, and \$450 and \$680 for a regular and large dry goods stalls respectively, the Department believed that it could attract the participation of students.

- (e) Due to electricity supply constraints of the venue, there would be no cooked food stalls at the Lunar New Year Fair at Tat Tung Road Garden. If a suitable venue was available in the future, the Department would be pleased to introduce cooked food stalls to attract more members of the public.

8. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) As the sparse number of stalls at the Lunar New Year Fair would not be able to create a lively atmosphere, many local residents might choose to visit the Lunar New Year Fairs in other districts. Members hoped that the Department would actively consider holding the fair at other venues in the district and address the problem of electricity supply constraints, so as to expand the scale of the fair and increase the variety of stalls.
- (b) Members suggested that the Department should set up interactive game booths and invite students to design the contents of the games, so as to enhance the attractiveness and interactivity of the Lunar New Year Fair.

9. Ms CHEUNG Suk-man said that the Department would identify other suitable venues for the organisation of the Lunar New Year Fair in the future and would consider inviting local schools to participate in the design of the booth games.

III. Reports on Arts and Cultural Activities in the Islands District Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(CICRC Paper No. 23/2024)

10. The Chairman drew Members' attention to the CICRC Paper No. 23/2024, and welcomed Ms LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to present the paper.

11. Ms Viola LEUNG briefly presented the paper.

12. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) In view of the inadequacy of performing arts facilities in the district, Members hoped that the Department would build more performing arts facilities to meet the future demand.

- (b) Members enquired whether the Department would arrange for participants of the School Performing Arts in Practice Scheme to perform in the district, so that residents could appreciate the learning outcomes of the participants.

13. Ms Viola LEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The construction of performing arts facilities required careful consideration of various relevant factors, but the Department had taken note of the views of Members.
- (b) Some participants of the School Performing Arts in Practice Scheme would take part in public finale performances upon completion of the training. Details of the performances would be uploaded to the website of the LCSD.

IV. Question on the organisation of more recreational and sports activities on Lamma Island (CICRC Paper No. 24/2024)

14. The Chairman drew Members' attention to the CICRC Paper No. 24/2024, and welcomed Ms CHU Lai-yee, Agnes, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of the LCSD to the meeting to respond to the question.

15. Ms LAU Shun-ting briefly presented the question.

16. Ms Agnes CHU briefly presented the written reply of the LCSD.

17. Members said that there was a shortage of recreational and sports venues in the district and suggested that the Department should consider utilising other indoor venues, such as offices of the Rural Committees, for organising recreational and sports activities. In addition, Members suggested that the Department should build additional temporary recreational and sports facilities in the district to meet the residents' demand for recreational and sports activities.

18. Ms Agnes CHU gave her response as follows:

- (a) Regarding the suggestion of using other indoor venues for the organisation of recreational and sports activities, she took note of Members' views and advised that the Department would need to consider the suitability of the venues for organising the activities, including factors such as the holding capacity of the venues, as well as the target participants and the nature of the activities, etc.
- (b) The construction of recreational and sports facilities had to be handled in accordance with the existing planning guidelines, and she took note of Members' views.

V. Introduction of the “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Community Scheme” - Together We Build a Safe and Healthy Community  
(CICRC Paper No. 25/2024)

19. The Chairman drew Members’ attention to the CICRC Paper No. 25/2024, and welcomed Ms Yanny YU, Senior Consultant of the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) to the meeting to present the paper.

20. With the aid of PowerPoint presentation, Ms Yanny YU introduced the “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Community Scheme” as follows:

- (a) A “Safe and Healthy Community” was a community in which government departments, enterprises, schools, estates, hospitals and social service organisations worked together, pooling their own resources and abilities to reduce injuries and accidents, so that everyone in the community could work and live safely and healthily.
- (b) To become a “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Community”, the community had to fulfill six criteria: (i) establishment of a community safety and health policy; (ii) establishment of a safe and healthy community organisation (i.e. a steering committee comprising different stakeholders in the district); (iii) identification of the community’s safety and health needs; (iv) implementation of community safety and health programmes; (v) evaluation of community safety and health programmes; and (vi) sharing of experience on the safe and healthy community.
- (c) If the Islands District was interested in becoming a “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Community”, the first step was to invite local stakeholders to establish a steering committee and apply for certification through the captioned scheme. To encourage communities to organise activities themed on occupational safety and health (OSH), the OSHC provided an annual subsidy of \$50,000 to each certified community or community that was preparing to become a Safe and Healthy Community. In addition, there were four programmes under the OSHC’s “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Community Scheme”, namely the “International Safe Schools Programme”, the “International Safe Workplace Programme”, the “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Estate Scheme” and the “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Residential Care Home Scheme”, which provided free consultancy services for the relevant organisations to promote the OSH culture.
- (d) Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun, Tsuen Wan, Southern, Wong Tai Sin and Sham Shui Po districts had been certified as “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Communities” and had organised a number of activities to promote safety and health, such as the provision of free vision check-ups for people aged over 50 and the promotion of OSH knowledge to fishermen.

21. Members considered that the concept of the “Safe and Healthy Community” was worth promoting and enquired how Members could participate in facilitating the certification of the “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Community” and the role of the District Council in the steering committee. In addition, Members considered that the subsidy of \$50,000 was insufficient to sustain the operation of the steering committee.

22. Ms Yanny YU said the OSHC recommended that the steering committees should involve various stakeholders in the districts. She cited the examples that the steering committee in Tsuen Wan District was led by the Yan Chai Hospital and the Yuen Yuen Institute, while the steering committee in Wong Tai Sin District was led by Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital, the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Wong Tai Sin Hospital and the Sik Sik Yuen, etc. The steering committees worked with local stakeholders to raise resources to sustain their daily operation, while the funding support provided by the OSHC aimed to encourage the steering committees to organise OSH activities. Moreover, she added that the steering committee in Sham Shui Po District was led by the District Council.

23. Members advised that the “Tung Chung Safe and Healthy City”, a local organisation, was applying for the “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Community” certification for Tung Chung. Although the application for certification required the preparation of many documents and information and the process was arduous, Members considered that the issue of safe and healthy communities was of great concern. Therefore, the resources of the OSHC should be utilised to raise residents’ awareness of safety and health. Furthermore, Members pointed out that the OSHC had invited the Islands District Council (IsDC) to join the “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Community” in the paper and enquired whether the OSHC would like Members to apply for participation in the captioned scheme in the name of the District Council. If so, Members considered that the Chairman of the IsDC should be invited to participate in the relevant discussions.

24. Ms Yanny YU said that the OSHC hoped to brief Members on the captioned scheme at the District Council meetings to encourage interested Members to invite other district stakeholders to join them in setting up a steering committee and then apply for funding support to organise OSH activities, so as to become one of the Safe and Healthy Communities.

25. Ms Livia AU YEUNG said that the Chairman of the IsDC had agreed to refer the captioned matter to the Committee for follow-up. The purpose of this briefing was to give Members an initial idea of the captioned scheme, and not to request Members to set up a steering committee at the meeting.

26. The Chairman advised that if Members were interested in participating in the “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Community Scheme”, they could contact Ms YU after the meeting.

VI. Any Other Business

27. The Chairman said that in addition to the scheme under Agenda Item V, the OSHC had earlier invited the IsDC to co-organise the “Occupational Safety and Health Promotional Campaign 2024-25”. The Secretariat had sent letters to invite local organisations to apply for the relevant funding. By the deadline, one application had been received from the Discovery Bay Services Management Limited. The application was tabled for Members’ perusal.

28. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Among the estimated expenditure items in the above application, the “Modification and Enhancement of the OSH Intranet Layout” accounted for about half of the funding ceiling for the campaign (i.e. \$40,000). The expenditure was the organisation’s internal operating expenses and should not be included in the campaign expenses. As for the expenditure on “Prizes/Souvenirs for the Q&A Session”, it accounted for about one-third of the ceiling. Members were of the view that the proportion of the estimated expenditure that would actually be spent on the campaign was not high, and enquired whether the OSHC had provided guidelines on the scope of subsidy and the subsidy ceiling for individual items.
- (b) Given that the insurance expenditure for the campaign accounted for about one-tenth of the subsidy ceiling, Members considered that the proportion was too high, and the effectiveness of the campaign would be limited as the estimated number of participants was only 140.
- (c) Noting that the venue of the above application was at Discovery Bay and the target participants were staff members of companies and contractors, Members said that OSH-related accidents seldom occurred in Discovery Bay and considered that the scope of target participants was too narrow. Moreover, as the campaign would be held on the Wednesday before the Lunar New Year, Members considered that it would be difficult to attract participants.
- (d) Members hoped that the Secretariat would convey the above views to the OSHC and suggested that the OSHC should be prudent in vetting and approving the aforementioned application.

29. Ms Livia AU YEUNG said that the OSHC had provided funding guidelines for the aforementioned subsidy, and the Secretariat had mailed the relevant guidelines together with the application forms to local organisations. The Secretariat would forward the applications recommended by the Committee to the OSHC for approval.

30. Members said that the amount of subsidy for the above campaign was attractive, but only one application had been received. They therefore enquired which local organisations the Secretariat had invited. Members also suggested that labour

organisations should be invited to apply for the above subsidy, and enquired about the application method, the application deadline and the number of application forms that could be submitted to the OSHC.

31. The Secretary said that the Secretariat had forwarded the details of the captioned campaign to Members for perusal via email on 21 November 2024. In line with the usual practice, the Secretariat had sent letters to invite organisations that had applied for the “Islands District Community Involvement Fund”. Regarding Members’ wish to invite other organisations to participate in the campaign, the Secretariat would liaise with the OSHC after the meeting to follow up.

32. The Chairman said that after the Secretariat had followed up on the matter, Members would be invited to vote on whether to recommend the aforementioned application to the OSHC.

(Post-meeting note: After the Secretariat had liaised with the OSHC, the OSHC advised that applications could be submitted before 31 December 2024. Subsequently, the Secretariat forwarded the details of the captioned campaign to Members again on 10 December and asked Members to invite local organisations to participate. By the deadline, the Secretariat had received four applications from the Discovery Bay Services Management Limited, the HKFEW Wong Cho Bau School, the T & E Association and The Staffs and Workers Union of Hong Kong Civil Airlines. After voting by Members, the Committee finally decided to recommend the application from the T & E Association to the OSHC. The Secretariat forwarded the application to the OSHC for follow-up on 31 December 2024.)

## VII. Date of Next Meeting

33. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 11 February 2025 (Tuesday).

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