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**Minutes of the 6th Meeting of
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 14 November 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Kwun Tong District Office,
Unit 05-07, 20/F, Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road,
Kwun Tong, Kowloon

Present

Mr MA Yat-chiu, MH (Vice-chairman)	Ms CHING Hoi-yan
Mr YU Siu-lun	Ms FENG Yunsi
Mr NG Ting-fung	Mr WONG Kai-san
Mr LUI Tung-hai, MH	Ms YU Juliana
Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia	Mr AU YEUNG Kwan-nok
Mr LEE Ka-hang	Mr LAI Wing-chun, MH
Mr LAM Wai	Mr KAN Ming-tung, MH
Ms KAM Kin	Mr TAM Siu-cheuk
Mr OR Chong-shing, Wilson, MH	Mr KWAN Kin-wing
Ms LEUNG Sze-wan	Mr PANG Chi-sang
Mr HSU Yau-wai	Mr LIN Tin-yi (Co-opted Member)
Mr TSANG Wing-fai	Mr LEUNG Ki-sum (Co-opted Member)

In Attendance

Ms CHAN Wai-chun, Regina	Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)1
Mr CHOW Lap-kan, Douglas	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Kwun Tong District Office
Miss TANG Wai-yan	Senior Manager (Kowloon East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHU Pui-shan, Edith	Manager (Kowloon East) Marketing, Programme and District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms SIU Sau-king, Michelle	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kwun Tong, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Sze-wan	Senior Librarian (Kwun Tong), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr TAI Man-chun, Allen	Senior School Development Officer (Kwun Tong)2, Education Bureau

Secretary

Ms TSOI Hung-man, Anna

Executive Officer (District Council)(2),
Kwun Tong District Office

Absent

Mr WONG Chun-ping, MH, JP (Chairman)

Opening Remarks

The Vice-chairman welcomed all Members of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CICRC”) and government representatives to the 6th meeting of CICRC under the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (“KTDC”).

2. The Vice-chairman said that the Secretariat had received a notice of absence from the Chairman, Mr WONG Chun-ping, prior to the meeting. CICRC consented to the Chairman’s application for absence due to its compliance with Order 64 (1) of the Kwun Tong District Council Standing Orders.

3. The Secretary said that in accordance with Order 79 of the Kwun Tong District Council Standing Orders, if the chairman of a committee was unable to preside at a committee meeting, the vice-chairman of the committee should preside at the meeting. Therefore, the Vice-chairman, Mr MA Yat-chiu, would preside at this meeting.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 5th Meeting of CICRC

4. The Secretariat had earlier circulated the draft minutes of the last meeting to all Members. Members had not raised any other comments prior to and during the meeting. The minutes of the 5th meeting were confirmed.

II. Half-yearly Report on Community Involvement Programme of Kwun Tong District Office for 2024/25 (April to September 2024) **(KTDC CICRC Paper No. 25/2024)**

5. Members noted the paper.

III. Half-yearly Report on Arts and Cultural Activities Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) in Kwun Tong District (April to September 2024)
(KTDC CICRC Paper No. 26/2024)

6. The representative of LCSD presented the paper.
7. Members pointed out that LCSD usually used community halls to hold activities under the 18dART Community Arts Scheme. They enquired whether LCSD would identify other event venues through channels such as the Housing Department or schools to expand the scale of the activities.
8. The representative of LCSD indicated that the department usually held activities in indoor venues to avoid disruptions caused by weather conditions. In addition to community halls, LCSD would also hold activities in venues such as sports centres. LCSD would relay Members’ views to the officers responsible for planning the activities.
9. Members raised follow-up views and enquiries as follows:
 - 9.1 Members suggested that LCSD could organise activities to promote Cantonese opera culture at the East Kowloon Cultural Centre (“EKCC”) in the future.
 - 9.2 Members noted that not many schools in Kwun Tong District participated in the Pilot Scheme on the Use of School Venues by Arts Groups (“Pilot Scheme”). They hoped that LCSD could strengthen its liaison with primary and secondary schools to identify more suitable school venues in the future. In addition, Members pointed out that some arts groups relayed that the fees for using school venues were high and hoped that LCSD would review or adjust the relevant fees.
10. The representative of LCSD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:
 - 10.1 Regarding organising activities at EKCC in the future, LCSD said that it would convey such views to the officers responsible for planning the activities.
 - 10.2 Regarding the Pilot Scheme, LCSD said that it would relay the views on the high fees to the Education Bureau. In addition, LCSD would also strengthen its liaison with primary and secondary schools, with a view to enhancing students’ understanding of Chinese culture through various activities.

11. The Vice-chairman hoped that LCSD would make good use of the venues at EKCC and at the same time strengthen its liaison and interactions with schools, so that more residents in Kwun Tong District could benefit.

12. Members noted the paper.

IV. Half-yearly Report on Recreation and Sports Programmes Organised by LCSD in Kwun Tong District (April to September 2024)
(KTDC CICRC Paper No. 27/2024)

13. The representative of LCSD presented the paper.

14. Members noted the paper.

V. Half-yearly Report on Promotional Activities Organised by Public Libraries of LCSD in Kwun Tong District (April to September 2024)
(KTDC CICRC Paper No. 28/2024)

15. The representative of LCSD presented the paper.

16. Members enquired about the number and types of books borrowed by different age groups.

17. The representative of LCSD said that in Kwun Tong District, books that were more popular among adults included fiction, essays, applied sciences and social sciences books. As for children, picture books, fiction, and natural sciences books were more popular. LCSD emphasised that it reviewed the circulation of various book categories annually and expanded the collection of corresponding categories based on residents' needs.

18. Members enquired whether the circulation of books in the district had increased or decreased.

19. The representative of LCSD pointed out that the average circulation of books throughout the district had slightly increased compared to the previous year. In addition to expanding its collection of physical books, LCSD had been strengthening its e-book collection, which now included 530 000 items—an increase of approximately 60% compared to 2019.

20. The Vice-chairman reiterated that Members hoped to understand the circulation of various

categories of books and stated that if LCSD could not provide the relevant data immediately, the information could be shared with Members through the Secretariat after the meeting.

21. Members enquired whether LCSD would continue implementing the Library-on-Wheels Project in the coming year.

22. The representative of LCSD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

22.1 Regarding the Library-on-Wheels Project, LCSD said that in addition to visiting housing estates or schools in the 18 districts, the Library-on-Wheels would also be stationed at other venues. For example, it would be parked at Jordan Valley Park in November to promote reading. Furthermore, the Library-on-Wheels would participate in various large-scale community events, providing books related to event themes and at the same time promoting library services. LCSD stated that the project would continue next year and that Members would be informed when activities were held in Kwun Tong District.

22.2 Regarding book circulation, LCSD reported that the average number of items borrowed daily in the district was 3 691 in August and 3 545 in September. These items included library materials such as books and CD-ROMs.

23. Members said that some members of the public had conveyed that the rise of new sports made it difficult to book venues at the Lei Yue Mun Sports Centre. They enquired whether LCSD would coordinate venue booking applications for traditional and new sports.

24. The Vice-chairman requested that the representative of LCSD respond to the above enquiry during the discussion of agenda item VII.

25. Members noted the paper.

VI. Report on Arts and Cultural Activities Organised by LCSD in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC CICRC Paper No. 29/2024)

26. The representative of LCSD presented the paper.

27. Members enquired about the reasons for the discrepancy between the actual and expected number of participants for the "Music in Martial Arts Community – Music Theatre: The Music Secret of Wong Fei-hung" ("Music Theatre"), and asked about the attendance of the programme in other

districts. In addition, Members enquired whether LCSD conducted regular reviews with the troupe responsible for organising the activity.

28. The representative of LCSD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

28.1 Regarding the Music Theatre, LCSD explained that the session on 1 September was held near the start of the school term, and the Hong Kong Observatory had issued a Very Hot Weather Warning on that day, which resulted in some registered participants not attending. As for the session on 27 October, Typhoon Signal No. 3 had been hoisted the day before the event, resulting in only about 40 participants attending the activity.

28.2 Regarding reviewing activities, LCSD indicated that it would check with the arts groups on the attendance of each activity after its completion.

28.3 LCSD said that it would regularly disseminate activity information to Members through the Secretariat and hoped that Members would continue to assist in promotions and invite more members of the public to join the activities.

28.4 Regarding participation in other districts, LCSD stated that some sessions in other districts received an enthusiastic response. However, as the activity involved outdoor programmes, the actual number of participants was influenced by the weather. LCSD would continue to liaise with the arts group and enhance promotional efforts in the hope of improving attendance rates.

29. Members raised follow-up views and enquiries as follows:

29.1 Members suggested that LCSD improve the design of posters to enhance their appeal and the effectiveness of promotional efforts.

29.2 Members proposed that LCSD distribute physical event tickets to Care Teams to assist in promoting the events. Additionally, Members suggested that LCSD reserve a small number of physical tickets at event venues to allow nearby residents to participate on the spot.

29.3 Members enquired whether LCSD would establish a mechanism to notify them in case of low attendance, so they could encourage nearby residents to participate in the activities.

- 29.4 Members suggested that LCSD specify the reasons for low participation rates in the paper for the next meeting.
- 29.5 Members enquired whether LCSD, apart from promoting activities through Members, had utilised other channels to enhance the effectiveness of promotion.
- 29.6 Members enquired how LCSD estimated the expected number of participants.
30. The representative of LCSD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:
- 30.1 Regarding enhancing promotion and ticket distribution, LCSD noted Members' views and would relay such views to the officers responsible for the programmes and the arts groups.
- 30.2 Regarding adding remarks in meeting papers, LCSD said that it would follow up on the matter.
- 30.3 Regarding expected participation numbers, LCSD explained that arts groups would adjust the seating capacity of the venues according to programme requirements. As certain performances involved audience interaction segments, the arts groups might need to utilise the space in front of the stage, thus reducing the venue's seating capacity. LCSD indicated that it would relay the suggestion about better utilisation of venue space to the officers responsible for the programmes and the arts groups, with the aim of increasing participation numbers.
31. The Vice-chairman hoped that LCSD could make good use of government resources and venue spaces to benefit more residents in Kwun Tong District.
32. Members enquired whether LCSD, apart from promoting activities through Members, had adopted other methods to strengthen event promotion and whether it had reviewed the current promotion plan.
33. The representative of LCSD stated that, in addition to traditional leaflets and posters, the department also promoted activities through online social media platforms. For example, arts groups participating in the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme would promote their activities through their Facebook pages or Instagram accounts. LCSD would actively communicate with the arts groups to enhance promotional effectiveness. In addition, LCSD said that it had set up a Facebook page for the 18dART Community Arts Scheme, and individual arts groups would also promote relevant activities simultaneously on their Facebook pages.

34. Members noted the paper.

**VII. Report on Recreation and Sports Programmes Organised by LCSD in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC CICRC Paper No. 30/2024)**

35. The representative of LCSD presented the paper and responded to Members' enquiry about coordinating venue booking applications for traditional and new sports. Since 2019, the department had opened six sports centres for individual bookings as part of a trial scheme for new sports activities, including Cheung Sha Wan Sports Centre, Lei Yue Mun Sports Centre, Cheung Fat Sports Centre, Stanley Sports Centre, Fu Heng Sports Centre and Long Ping Sports Centre. LCSD stated that the procedures for venue booking by individuals for new sports were the same as those for traditional sports. With the growing popularity of new sports in recent years, the proportion of venue booking applications submitted by individuals for new sports had increased, which had also improved the utilisation rate of venues during non-peak hours.

36. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

36.1 Members mentioned that some residents reported that certain new sports had few participants but occupied four venues, making it difficult for traditional sports users to book. They hoped that LCSD would take note of the situation.

36.2 Members enquired about the definition of new sports, such as whether electronic sports and unmanned aircraft activities were considered new sports.

36.3 Members said that the nature and required setup of various new sports differed and suggested that LCSD establish standards for the number of venues available for booking for each type of sport to ensure that the booking process was fair and just.

36.4 Members expressed gratitude to LCSD for actively organising various cultural, recreational and sports activities, and suggested that the department invite District Council Members, as well as members of the Area Committees, District Fight Crime Committee and District Fire Safety Committee, to participate in sports competitions or activities.

37. The representative of LCSD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

37.1 LCSD thanked Members for participating in the sports activities organised by the department and noted their suggestion to include invitation matches for Members or departments. LCSD said it would consider such arrangements when planning activities in the coming year.

37.2 LCSD said that the current trial scheme for new sports activities covered seven designated activities, including dodgeball, dodgebee, kin-ball, korfball, tchoukball, pickleball, and gateball. LCSD said that some activities, such as dodgeball and dodgebee, involved a larger number of participants and required bigger venues. As a result, the department currently allowed booking of four courts. LCSD would consolidate the views collected during the trial scheme period for detailed review by its headquarters.

37.3 LCSD said that the booking procedures by organisations for new sports and traditional sports were the same. Organisations could book venues up to three months in advance.

38. Members reiterated that allowing users of new sports to book up to four courts at a time involved issues of fairness and hoped that LCSD would review the relevant rules as soon as possible.

39. Members noted the paper.

**VIII. Report on Promotional Activities Organised by Public Libraries of LCSD in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC CICRC Paper No. 31/2024)**

40. The representative of LCSD presented the paper.

41. Members suggested that LCSD provide electronic promotional materials for mobile library services to Members and Care Teams.

42. The representative of LCSD said that electronic posters for mobile library services in the district would be distributed to Members and Care Teams later and hoped that Members would assist in promoting the services.

43. Members noted the paper.

IX. Any Other Business

44. Members did not raise other items for discussion.

X. Date of Next Meeting

45. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 9 January 2025 (Thursday).

46. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 9 January 2025.

Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat
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