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**Minutes of the 1st Meeting of  
Social Welfare and Women Development Committee,  
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

**Date:** 25 January 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**

Ms FU Pik-chun, MH (Chairlady)

Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia (Vice-chairlady)

Mr YU Ka-ming

Mr NG Ting-fung

Mr LEE Ka-hang

Ms KAM Kin

Mr HUNG Kam-in, MH

Mr MA Yat-chiu, MH

Mr HSU Yau-wai

Mr TSANG Wing-fai

Ms CHING Hoi-yan

Ms FENG Yunsi

Mr LAU Kar-wah

Ms CHU Lok-wai

Mr CHENG Keung-fung

Mr KAN Ming-tung, MH

Mr TAM Siu-cheuk

Mr KWAN Kin-wing

Mr PANG Chi-sang

**In Attendance**

Ms CHAN Wai-chun, Regina

Mr CHOW Lap-kan, Douglas

Miss YIK Wai-sze, Cecilia

Miss Sandra LIM

Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)1,  
Kwun Tong District Office

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

Senior Liaison Officer (2),  
Kwun Tong District Office

Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Kwun Tong)1,  
Social Welfare Department

**Secretary**

Miss CHAN Sing-yu, Toby

Executive Officer (District Council)3,  
Kwun Tong District Office

### **In Attendance by Invitation**

Mr CHAN Chak-fai, Jack

Acting Chief Executive,  
Kwun Tong Resident Association  
Child Care Worker,  
Tsui Ping Child Service Centre,  
Kwun Tong Resident Association

**Item I**

Ms CHEUNG Chi-ting

### **Absent**

Mr LAM Wai

Ms LEUNG Sze-wan

Mr TANG Wing-chun

### **Opening Remarks**

The Chairlady welcomed all attendees to the 1st meeting of the Social Welfare and Women Development Committee (“SWWDC”) under the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (“KTDC”).

2. The Chairlady said that the Secretariat had received notices of absence from Mr LAM Wai, Ms LEUNG Sze-wan and Mr TANG Wing-chun before the meeting. Since the applications of Ms LEUNG and Mr TANG were in compliance with Order 64 (1) of the Kwun Tong District Council Standing Orders, SWWDC consented to the above two applications for absence.

#### **I. Introduction of the Services of Kwun Tong Resident Association**

3. The representative of the Kwun Tong Resident Association (“KTRA”) introduced its services.

4. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

4.1 Members considered that KTRA was a non-governmental organisation with the largest community network in Kwun Tong District, and recommended that the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) invite KTRA to join the Kwun Tong District Welfare Concourse (“Concourse”).

4.2 Members enquired whether SWD had considered the distance between schools and centres offering school-based after-school care services.

- 4.3 Members enquired about the resources provided by the Government for school-based after-school care services, and asked whether the current manpower arrangements were sufficient for the centres to make comprehensive planning for after-school services and whether SWD could provide additional manpower or other resources.
  - 4.4 Members enquired about the details of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project, including the number of carer places and eligibility criteria.
  - 4.5 Members reckoned that school-based after-school care services were only available until 6 p.m., by which time many dual-income parents were still at work and children needed to stay longer in school.
5. The representative of KTRA said that the organisation would regularly set up street counters and distribute leaflets to recruit home-based child carers and hold thematic talks to provide professional training for those interested in becoming a home-based child carer. In addition, service centre staff would make regular home visits to check on carers' provision of care for children.
6. The representative of SWD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:
- 6.1 SWD noted the recommendation to invite KTRA to join the Concourse, and would consider it when preparing for the next-term Concourse and invite the participation of the organisation in due course.
  - 6.2 Regarding the distance between service centres and schools, SWD stated that school-based care services were a pilot scheme of the Community Care Fund, inviting the voluntary participation and matching of non-governmental organisations and schools. The department pointed out that among the six schools in Kwun Tong District, one was located next to the service centre, and it took only one transport ride to reach the service centre from the other five schools. Many students also lived near the service centre, making it convenient for the organisation to provide services to them. Since the scheme was operated on a pilot basis, SWD would review and improve the relevant arrangements in future.
  - 6.3 As for the ratio of students to tutors, SWD said that KTRA would provide one tutor for every eight normal students and one tutor for every five students with special learning needs, which met the funding requirements of the Community Care Fund.
  - 6.4 The service hours of school-based care on school days were determined through

consultation between individual organisations and schools. If parents were unable to pick up students on time, the organisation would communicate with the parents to make arrangements based on individual circumstances, including arranging for students to wait at the organisation's service centre.

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

7.1 Members attributed the smooth running of the scheme to the cooperation of schools and the active promotion of SWD. They pointed out that Members could introduce those who were interested in becoming home-based child carers to KTRA.

7.2 Members enquired about the follow-up plans after the completion of the pilot scheme on school-based care services, and hoped that SWD would expand the scope of consultation so that more members of the public could offer their views.

8. The representative of SWD stated that the pilot scheme on school-based care services was aimed at helping dual-income families seek employment and unleashing more labour force. The department would review the results of the scheme and refer to the views of the implementing organisations and various parties before deciding on the future development of the scheme. In fact, in the course of the implementation of the scheme, participating organisations also solicited views from service users to review the effectiveness of the services. For instance, KTRA mentioned earlier that some parents expressed their desire to seek employment and hoped that their family situation would be improved. It was also pointed out that the scheme could reduce negative emotions caused by supervising children's completion of homework, thereby promoting family harmony.

9. Members enquired whether students of non-participating schools could join school-based after-school care services.

10. The representative of SWD said that students of non-participating schools could not join school-based after-school care services because the services were provided on-site by social welfare organisations for students to stay in school after school hours. Students of non-participating schools of the pilot scheme who needed the care services could join the after-school care services currently provided by organisations, such as KTRA, for the community.

11. Members suggested using community space, such as ward offices of DC Members or Kai Fong associations, to provide care services, and enquired whether SWD could arrange for manpower to provide services at these venues.

12. The representative of SWD explained that child care services were subject to legislation that set out specific requirements on venue safety and manpower ratio, among others. In addition, service providers were required to hold relevant licenses, and therefore not any organisation or location could provide care services.

**II. Date of Next Meeting**

13. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 28 March 2024 (Thursday).

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

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 28 March 2024.

**Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat**  
**March 2024**