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

**Date:** 23 January 2025 (Thursday)  
**Time:** 2:32 p.m. – 4:09 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)	Mr HSU Yau-wai
Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia (Vice-chairlady)	Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy, MH
Mr YU Ka-ming	Mr TSANG Wing-fai
Mr NG Ting-fung	Ms CHING Hoi-yan
Mr LUI Tung-hai, MH	Ms FENG Yunsi
Mr LEE Ka-hang	Mr LAU Kar-wah
Mr LAM Fung, MH	Mr CHENG Keung-fung
Mr LAM Wai	Mr TAM Siu-cheuk
Ms KAM Kin	Mr KWAN Kin-wing
Mr HUNG Kam-in, MH	Mr PANG Chi-sang
Ms LEUNG Sze-wan	Ms NGAN Ming-sau (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 YIK Wai-sze, Cecilia	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Kwun Tong District Office
Miss Sandra LIM	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Kwun Tong)1, Social Welfare Department

**Secretary**

Mr WONG King-yui, Bobby	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Kwun Tong District Office
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### **In Attendance by Invitation**

Mr CHIANG Chi-hang, Louis

General Secretary,  
Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service

**Item II**

Ms LAI Oi-chi, Novell

Service Supervisor,  
Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service

Ms Yanny YU

Senior Consultant,  
Occupational Safety and Health Council

**Item IV**

### **Absent**

Ms CHU Lok-wai

Mr TANG Wing-chun

### **Opening Remarks**

The Chairlady welcomed all attendees to the 7th 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 Ms CHU Lok-wai and Mr TANG Wing-chun before the meeting. Since the applications of Ms CHU 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. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting**

3. Members did not raise any other comments. The minutes of the 6th meeting were confirmed.

#### **II. Service Introduction of Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service**

4. The representative of Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service (“KTMS”) introduced the services provided by the organisation.

5. The representative of the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) presented the background of the Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions.

6. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

- 6.1 Members suggested that KTMSS strengthen cooperation with “the three committees” and KTDC.
  - 6.2 Members suggested that KTMSS and other non-governmental organisations (“NGOs”) strengthen national education for young people to foster their sense of national identity and positive thinking.
  - 6.3 Members pointed out that the Education Bureau (“EDB”) had also arranged for school-based social workers to provide services for students, and enquired whether this might result in resource duplication with the Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions.
  - 6.4 Members suggested that KTMSS strengthen its support for students with special educational needs.
  - 6.5 Members raised concerns over child protection work and enquired whether KTMSS would intervene in a case proactively or only upon receiving help requests from parents.
7. The representative of KTMSS responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:
- 7.1 KTMSS expressed willingness to strengthen communication and cooperation with DC Members and Care Teams to further promote its services to residents in the district.
  - 7.2 KTMSS noted that it had been organising national education activities for young people and had also held various activities to deepen residents’ understanding of the motherland.
  - 7.3 KTMSS explained that EDB provided grants to primary schools to hire social workers. As for the social work services in secondary schools and pre-primary institutions or kindergartens, they were subvented by SWD and provided by commissioned NGOs.
  - 7.4 KTMSS stated that the over 230 cases mentioned in the presentation were cases requiring services, among which seven were suspected child abuse cases, requiring consideration of activating the child protection mechanism.
  - 7.5 KTMSS noted that school-based social workers would proactively reach out to parents, including distributing family condition questionnaires at the beginning and middle of the school term to arrange meetings with parents in need. In addition, school-based social workers also actively engaged with parents at the school entrance during drop-off and

pick-up times to understand the difficulties they faced early on and provide necessary support.

7.6 KTMSS said that it had maintained close collaboration with school staff, with some cases currently being referred by them. KTMSS also regularly held meetings with principals and teachers to identify cases requiring follow-up and to discuss follow-up plans.

7.7 KTMSS said that it also provided On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services to offer multi-disciplinary professional support to children with special learning needs in pre-primary institutions or kindergartens. The Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions supported pre-school children and their families with welfare needs, including alleviating parental stress in disciplining their children.

8. The representative of SWD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

8.1 SWD said that since its establishment, Connecting Hearts had collaborated with the Labour and Welfare Bureau and SWD to organise study tours to the Greater Bay Area. Various social welfare organisations had arranged for their staff to participate, providing more opportunities for them to learn about national social welfare measures and services. SWD also organised various exchange programmes annually to deepen staff members' understanding of the country and enhance communication.

8.2 SWD noted that in addition to school-based social workers supporting children, school staff would also pay closer attention to children's situations and refer cases to social workers to ensure that children in need received timely support.

8.3 SWD stated that it would vigorously promote the collaboration of social welfare organisations with both Care Teams and Members.

9. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

9.1 Members enquired whether the seven severe cases mentioned by KTMSS involved child abuse or suspected child abuse, and whether police intervention was required.

9.2 Members enquired about the conditions for activating the child protection mechanism and the relevant details.

9.3 Members enquired whether the fees for clinical psychological and counselling services

were comparable to market rates and whether subsidies would be provided to grassroots families in need.

9.4 Members suggested that KTMSS invite DC Members who had become National Security Education District Tutors to share national security knowledge with individuals in need.

10. The representative of KTMSS responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

10.1 KTMSS noted that all seven cases involved corporal punishment. KTMSS would discuss with the Family and Child Protective Services Units ("FCPSUs") whether to activate the child protection mechanism after considering various factors, including the child's injuries, the parents' attitude and the level of risk.

10.2 KTMSS stated that after assessment, verbal warnings were issued to the parents in six cases, requiring them to improve their parenting skills. The child in the remaining case was assessed to be in danger if they continued staying at home, and therefore the child protection mechanism had been activated.

10.3 KTMSS explained that after the mechanism was activated, FCPSU personnel would contact the relevant ward of the United Christian Hospital, and social workers of KTMSS would accompany the child to the hospital for a physical examination. In addition, KTMSS social workers, FCPSU personnel, doctors and teachers would hold a multi-disciplinary case conference to formulate a welfare plan for the child and provide support to the family to protect the child from further harm.

10.4 KTMSS agreed that deepening young people's understanding of the country could help improve their mental health, and therefore would organise more relevant activities in the future.

10.5 KTMSS believed that the fees for its clinical psychological services would be lower than those of private organisations. In addition, KTMSS had an emergency assistance fund to help individuals facing financial difficulties but in urgent need of services.

11. The representative of SWD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

11.1 SWD added that child maltreatment cases were categorised into four types, namely physical harm/abuse, neglect, psychological harm/abuse and sexual abuse. SWD

would determine whether police intervention was required according to the nature of the case.

11.2 SWD noted that it also provided psychological assessment and treatment services, and Members could refer cases in need to SWD for follow-up.

12. Members noted the relevant matters.

**III. Social Welfare Department – Report on the data on major social services in Kwun Tong District  
(KTDC SWWDC Paper No. 1/2025)**

13. The representative of SWD presented the paper.

14. Members suggested that SWD compile data based on the boundaries of the four District Council geographical constituencies in Kwun Tong District.

15. The representative of SWD noted Members' suggestion regarding the detailed classification of data and stated that system optimisation would be proposed in due course to improve the data compilation method.

16. Members noted the paper.

**IV. Introduction of “Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Community Scheme” – Together We Build Safe and Healthy Community**

17. The representative of the Occupational Safety and Health Council (“OSHC”) introduced the scheme.

18. Members enquired about the procedures for participating in the scheme, specifically whether a steering committee should be established upon SWWDC's approval, followed by collaboration with various district organisations to organise safe and healthy community activities and the application for certification.

19. The representative of OSHC explained that Members could establish a steering committee with several Members if they were interested in participating in the scheme. The composition of the

committee could be changed or rotated.

20. Members enquired whether only one organisation could apply for certification.

21. The representative of OSHC replied that certification needed to be applied for by the steering committee.

22. Members noted the relevant matters.

**V. Any Other Business**

23. Members raised no other items for discussion.

**VI. Date of Next Meeting**

24. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 27 March 2025 (Thursday).

25. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 27 March 2025.

**Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat**  
**March 2025**