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**Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the  
Social Welfare Committee (2024) of the  
Kwai Tsing District Council**

Date: 22 October 2024

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:24 p.m.

Venue: Kwai Tsing District Office (“K&T DO”) Conference Room

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Arrival</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Departure</u></b>
Miss CHU Lai-ling, MH (Chairman)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms CHAN On-ni (Vice Chairman)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms WANG Chung-wing	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr NG Yam-fung Benny	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr LEE Wai-lok	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr CHOW Kim-ho	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Miss CHAU Kit-ying	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms LAM Chui-ling, MH, JP	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr TSUI Hiu-kit	Start of Meeting	2:56 p.m.
Ms LEUNG Kar-ming, MH	Start of Meeting	3:19 p.m.
Miss MOK Yee-ki	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms GUO Huimin	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms Miranda CHAN Oi-yi	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr PANG Yap-ming	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr AU Chi-fai	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Miss LO Yuen-ting, MH	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr YU Kin-chung, Philip (Co-opted Member)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr LAW King-shing, BBS, MH, JP (Co-opted Member)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting

**Standing Representatives of Departments and Institutions**

Ms YUEN Mo-kuen, Monita	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing) <sup>3</sup> , Social Welfare Department
Ms LIN Shui-gor, Miranda	Senior School Development Officer (Kwai Tsing) <sup>3</sup> , Education Bureau
Mr TSANG Kin-hang, Gary	Labour Officer (Workplace Consultation Promotion) <sup>2</sup> , Labour Department

**Representatives of Departments and Institutions Attending by Invitation**

Mr LAM Ka-yan, Leo	Social Work Officer (Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing Planning and Coordinating Team) <sup>2</sup> , Social Welfare Department
Ms LAU Wan-wai	Assistant Principal Social Services Secretary (Rehabilitation Services), Po Leung Kuk
Mr FUNG Ka-shing	Senior Service Manager (Elderly Service), Po Leung Kuk
Mr CHEUNG Sung-ming, Sherman	Service Manager (Rehabilitation Services), Po Leung Kuk
Mr CHAN Hing-sun	Service Manager (Elderly Service), Po Leung Kuk
Mr LAM Yik-hin	Operation Manager II, Po Leung Kuk
Ms TSANG Yuen-wai	Operation Manager II, Po Leung Kuk

**Secretary**

Miss LEUNG Man-sin, Kammy	Executive Assistant (Kwai Tsing) District Council (5), Kwai Tsing District Office, Home Affairs Department
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**Absentee**

Ms LAM Ying-wai	(On leave due to confinement)
Ms CHENG Lam	(Absent with apologies)
Mr ZHAO Rong (Co-opted Member)	(Application for absence not endorsed)

**Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the fifth meeting of the Social Welfare Committee (“SWC”) (2024) of the Kwai Tsing District Council (“K&T DC”).

- Members unanimously endorsed the application for absence by Ms LAM Ying-wai and Ms CHENG Lam. However, the application for absence by Mr ZHAO Rong was not endorsed.

**Confirmation of Minutes of the 4th Meeting (2024) held on 20 August 2024**

- Members endorsed the aforesaid minutes unanimously.

**Discussion Items**

**Introduction to Po Leung Kuk's Kwai Tsing District Social Services (Elderly and Rehabilitation)**

4. Representatives of Po Leung Kuk introduced the services.
5. Members put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:
  - (i) Po Leung Kuk's Ching Fu Jolly Net (i.e. the neighbourhood elderly centre in Ching Fu Court, Tsing Yi) was expected to be in operations in June 2025. Members expected the centre to provide support services for the elderly residents in the district. Besides, Members hoped that Po Leung Kuk, District Council ("DC") members and Care Teams could strengthen co-operation and connection to disseminate and publicise information about community resources to the elderly more effectively. They recommended conducting promotion and publicity before the commencement of the operations of Ching Fu Jolly Net, so that local residents would be briefed on its services and the usage of Community Care Service Vouchers for the Elderly. Moreover, they recommended clear direction signs be placed near the centre. They also enquired of Po Leung Kuk about the contact number of the staff member responsible for the respite services of the elderly, so that Members could enquire about the services; and
  - (ii) Recommended making arrangement for Members to visit the facilities of Ching Fu Jolly Net before the commencement of its operations.
6. Representatives of Po Leung Kuk responded as follows:
  - (i) Understood that the elderly in the district have a demand for local support services to certain extent. Therefore, Po Leung Kuk would loan its venues (such as Mrs Chao King Lin Neighbourhood Elderly Centre and Po Leung Kuk Mr & Mrs Chan Pak Keung Tsing Yi School) or help borrowing venues from other local groups for district activities. The upper floor office of Ching Fu Jolly Net would be used for interviews to help understand the needs of the elderly in the district. Meanwhile, Po Leung Kuk planned to start recruiting members about two months before the commencement of the operations of Ching Fu Jolly Net;

- (ii) The website of Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) can be referred to for details of the day respite services in the district. Po Leung Kuk created Ching Fu Jolly Net Roundtable Alliance Chat Group, in which their staff responsible for providing elderly and rehabilitation services were included. As Po Leung Kuk would disseminate information in the chat group, Members were recommended to join the group for obtaining more pertinent information and for enquiring about the day respite services offered by relevant service providers; and
- (iii) Members would be arranged to visit the facilities of Po Leung Kuk with service introduction in greater detail.

**The Population of Elderly Persons and the Situation of “The Elderly Taking Care of the Elderly” in Kwai Tsing District**

(Proposed by Miss CHU Lai-ling, MH, Ms WANG Chung-wing, Ms LEUNG Kar-ming, MH, Ms CHENG Lam, Mr NG Yam-fung Benny, Ms LAM Ying-wai, Mr TSUI Hiu-kit, Miss MOK Yee-ki, Miss LO Yuen-ting, MH, Ms Miranda CHAN Oi-yi, Ms LAM Chui-ling, MH, JP, Mr CHOW Kim-ho and Ms GUO Huimin)

(SWC Paper Nos. 11/D/2024 and 11a/D/2024)

7. Members discussed the aforesaid matter, and put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) According to Annex 3 of the reply document from SWD, 16 424 people were waitlisted for subsidised residential care services for the elderly at that time. Therefore, an enquiry was made into the average waiting time of the elderly in Kwai Tsing District; and
- (ii) The District Services and Community Care Teams – Pilot Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers in Tsuen Wan and Southern Districts would be launched in all 18 districts over the territory. In the future, when the Department possesses information on singleton or doubleton elderly households in greater detail, it is anticipated that such information will be distributed to Members and Care Teams to promote their efficiency in handling and following up the situations of singleton, doubleton and hidden elderly persons.

8. Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)<sup>3</sup>, SWD, introduced the reply document and responded as follows:

- (i) SWD provides the elderly with various social services and benefits (including Community Care and Support Services, Residential Care Services and Social Security) under multiple schemes. Non-governmental organisations also provide various support services to meet different needs of the elderly and help them lead comfortable lives in their twilight years;
- (ii) Regarding the implementation of the Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly in Kwai Tsing District, Members could refer to Annex 4 of the reply document, as well as the reply document on the item submitted by SWD at the previous SWC meeting (i.e. SWC Paper No. 9a/D/2024). SWD does not keep statistics on the singleton and doubleton elderly households in Kwai Tsing District, nor does it keep figures on the households with elderly carers of persons with disabilities;
- (iii) The elderly are not required to update SWD on their personal information, including residential address, while being waitlisted for subsidised residential care services. In this connection, SWD does not have the statistics on the districts where the waitlisted elderly persons reside. SWD regularly presents general information about the waiting list on its webpage. According to its survey conducted on 30 September of this year, the average waiting time for subvented and contract homes was 18 months, while that for private residential care homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme was 4 months. For details, refer to the SWD website:  
[https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/elderly/elderly\\_info/elderly\\_ah\\_sps/elderlysp/rcse/](https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/elderly/elderly_info/elderly_ah_sps/elderlysp/rcse/); and
- (iv) “District Services and Community Care Teams – Pilot Scheme on Supporting for Elderly and Carers” would be extended to the whole territory for supporting elderly persons and carers in all 18 districts. SWD will continue to enhance communication with Care Teams and offer assistance, such as providing DC members and Care Teams with information on social welfare service units in sub-districts of Kwai Tsing and referral forms (which include information on two elderly centres, 15 neighbourhood elderly centres and two district support centres for persons with disabilities). This is to facilitate DC members and Care Teams in making referrals to suitable social welfare

service units for follow-ups upon identification of households in need (especially singleton and doubleton elderly households, carers of elderly persons and carers of persons with disabilities).

**Any Other Business**

9. There was no other business.

**Date of Next Meeting**

10. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 17 December 2024 (Tuesday).

Kwai Tsing District Council Secretariat  
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