Sai Kung District Council Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee Minutes of the Fourth Meeting in 2024

Date: 16 July 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

Present

Mr LI Ka-leung, Philip, MH (Chairman) Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WANG Wen Mr WONG Shui-sang Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr LI Tin-chi Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAU Ka-lok Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr LAM Chun-ka Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms KI Lai-mei, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr YAU Ho-lun Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms SZE Pan-pan Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms WU Suet-lin Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung, Chris Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang Mr CHEUNG Man-tim Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms CHONG Nga-ting, Angel Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Kwong-fai Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Kai-wai, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr TSANG Kwok-ka Mr WAN Kai-ming Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WONG Wang-to, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WONG Yuen-hong Ms KAN Tung-tung Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr LAU Kai-hong, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHENG Yu-hei Member of Sai Kung District Council Executive Assistant (District Council)9, Ms YU Hau-ling, Candy (Secretary)

Absent

Mr YAU Siu-hung, Kelvin, MH

(Vice-Chairman)

Member of Sai Kung District Council

Sai Kung District Office

In Attendance

Miss LAM I-ching Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1,

Sai Kung District Office

Miss CHENG Suet-ching, Lacus Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2,

Sai Kung District Office

Mr CHUNG Kai-yin Senior Executive Officer (District Council),

Sai Kung District Office

Mr HUI Chun-kwan, Simon Senior Executive Officer (District Management),

Sai Kung District Office

Mr NG Wai-ming Senior Liaison Officer (3),

Sai Kung District Office

Ms WONG Hiu-ting, Amanda Liaison Officer i/c (Pak Sha Wan),

Sai Kung District Office

Miss WONG Chui-ying, Erin Executive Officer I (District Council),

Sai Kung District Office

Miss XUE Chun-ling, Jessie Executive Officer (District Council)1,

Sai Kung District Office

Ms LEE Lai-sheung, Susan District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LAI Ka-yee, Jenny Deputy District Leisure Manager (District

Support) Sai Kung,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms OR Hiu-man, Stella Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LAU Fung-yi, Connie Manager (New Territories East) Marketing &

District Activities,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Miss LAI Ching-yee, Olivia Senior Librarian (Sai Kung),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms CHAN Fung-ping Senior School Development Officer (Sai Kung)1,

Education Bureau

Ms IP Tsui-man, Leona Social Work Officer 2 (Planning & Coordinating),

Social Welfare Department

Welcome Remarks

The Chairman said a quorum was present and the fourth meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC) in 2024 commenced officially. He welcomed all Members and departmental representatives to the meeting, in particular Ms Leona IP, Social Work Officer 2 (Planning & Coordinating) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), who attended the CICRC meeting for the first time.

2. <u>The Chairman</u> said Mr Kelvin YAU was unable to attend today's meeting because of sickness. Due to exceptional circumstances and there being no objection from

Members, the Chairman declared that his absence from the meeting concerned was approved in accordance with Order 64(2) of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) Standing Orders.

I. <u>Confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd CICRC Meeting in 2024 held on 21 May 2024</u>

3. <u>The Chairman</u> said the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment before the meeting. As there was no proposed amendment at the meeting either, <u>the Chairman</u> declared that the above minutes were confirmed.

II. Report Items

- (A) Report on the Cultural Programmes in Sai Kung District during April to August 2024 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 17/24)
- 4. Members noted the paper.
- 5. Members enquired about the number of attendees and information on the ticket prices/expenses of the School Performing Arts in Practice Scheme (SPAPS) 2023/24 City Contemporary Dance Company "Choreograph My Own Dance" mentioned in the paper.
- 6. <u>Ms Stella OR, Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)</u> responded that under SPAPS, experienced tutors were recruited to provide systematic arts training in schools. The activities were conducted in the mode of small class teaching. There were a total of 14 places for the scheme. The number of enrolment between May and June was 13. The fee for each student was \$580.
- (B) Report on the Extension Activities of the Public Libraries in Sai Kung District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 18/24)
- 7. Members noted the paper.

III. Motions Raised by Members

- (A) The six motions raised by Members
- 8. Since motion (1) was relevant to motion (2) and there being no objection from Members, the Chairman announced that these items would be discussed together.

- (1) Make optimal use of public space to promote economic growth in Sai Kung District, enhance its vibrancy and offer more development opportunities for youth in Hong Kong (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 19/24)
- 9. <u>The Chairman</u> said the motion was moved by Ms Angel CHONG and seconded by Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Ms KI Lai-mei, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms WU Suetlin, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr WONG Wang-to, Ms Christine FONG, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr WANG Wen and Mr LAM Chun-ka.
- (2) Study the development of "Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Cultural and Creative Corridor" to create opportunities and promote economic growth in Sai Kung District (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 20/24)
- 10. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr Chris CHEUNG and seconded by Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr WONG Shui-sang, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr CHAN Kai-wai, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim and Ms Christine FONG.
- 11. Members noted the written replies from LCSD and the Planning Department (PlanD) (SKDC(CICRC) Paper Nos. 27/24 and 32/24).
- 12. Members' views were summarised as follows:
 - They suggested utilising the vicinity of Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade to organise local economic activities, develop the creative, cultural and arts industries, and promote the concept of healthy sports. The proposed ideas included organising activities related to in-depth travel; food and beverages and retail; showcasing the artworks of students of the Hong Kong Design Institute (HKDI); and setting up a youth creative space/youth handicraft bazaar; etc..
 - With the aim of boosting the economy, they suggested opening up other suitable locations in the district for organisations to apply for use or set up bazaars, while developing the locations as new photo-taking spots in Sai Kung District.
 - Under the principle of "single site, multiple use", they suggested opening up school facilities in the district during holidays, such as school halls and playgrounds, for the public to organise activities including concerts and bazaars.

- To minimise the impact of visitor flow on local residents, they suggested that departments should consider transport facilities and arrangements when organising activities.
- They hoped that SKDC would continue to support and assist in the promotion of the activities held by district organisations at the waterfront promenade in the future.
- They suggested consolidating the management of the Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade and its vicinities, so as to focus on the development and creation of a "Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Cultural and Creative Corridor". District organisations could therefore apply for using the venues to hold activities that could boost the local economy.
- 13. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed. He asked LCSD and PlanD to follow up the matter, and the Secretariat to relay Members' views to the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau in writing.
- 14. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested deleting the above item at the next meeting.
- (3) Request for allocating additional resources to tackle the problem of young night drifters in the district (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 21/24)
- 15. <u>The Chairman</u> said the motion was moved by Mr CHENG Yu-hei and seconded by Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr LAU Kai-hong, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr WANG Wen, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms WU Suet-lin, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Ms Christine FONG, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka and Mr WONG Yuen-hong.
- 16. Members noted the written replies from LCSD, SWD and the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) (SKDC(CICRC) Paper Nos. 25/24, 28/24 and 31/24).
- 17. Members' views were summarised as follows:
 - They suggested that SWD should provide detailed information such as the number of young night drifters (YNDs) approached by district organisations, the number of activities held and the corresponding effectiveness.
 - They asked whether SWD had planned to invite YNDs to participate in volunteering work or serve the community together with the Care Teams, so as to change the behaviour and values of YNDs for the better.
 - To allow YNDs to engage in activities in government venues, they suggested extending the service hours of sports centres and libraries to 24 hours a day during the summer holidays; or to consider providing activity space for YNDs through public-private partnership, such that they would spend less time wandering the streets.
 - To ease public concerns about the law and order situation, they suggested that

- the Police should step up patrols during the summer holidays.
- They enquired whether the Junior Police Call would organise additional activities and reach out to more young people during the summer holidays.
- As young people might not be interested in the crash courses on harmonica, they suggested that LCSD should organise other activities that were more suitable for young people.
- The "Youth need Direction, Development & Determination Programme" (the "Youth Programme") offered a wide variety of activities suitable for young people to join. They suggested that SWD should organise more relevant activities and arrange for SKDC to participate and interact with YNDs.
- For the activities organised for YNDs, they asked whether young people had to register with district organisations in advance or they could sign up on the spot.
- Some young people would play music loudly at late night while cycling on Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade, causing nuisance to the nearby residents. They suggested that SWD should allocate additional resources to district organisations such as the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) to follow up the matter.
- They suggested that SWD should allocate additional resources to district organisations providing services to YNDs, so that they could organise a greater variety of activities suitable for young people.
- They asked whether the Police had information and statistics on the number of YNDs in Sai Kung District.

18. <u>Ms Leona IP, Social Work Officer 2 (Planning & Coordinating), SWD</u> responded as follows:

- SWD would supplement information such as the number of YNDs approached by district organisations, the number of activities held and the corresponding effectiveness after the meeting.
- There were then one Youth Outreaching Team and one outreaching team for YNDs operated by the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association (HKYWCA) and HKFYG respectively, to provide services for young people with night wandering habit.
- Generally, the outreaching teams would build relationships with young people to gain a deeper understanding of them through various sports programmes, career exploration or other thematic activities to the liking of young people. Based on their personal needs, the outreaching teams would offer counselling services or refer their cases to other service units for appropriate follow-up.
- SWD had been coordinating with HKYWCA, HKFYG, LCSD and the Police to hold activities under the projects named the "Friday Night Fever" at Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre and the "Youth Programme" at Tiu Keng Leng Sports Centre after closing the centres. SWD would continue to liaise with HKFYG, HKYWCA and LCSD on the feasibility of organising more activities for YNDs in the closed hours of sports centres.

- As the epidemic gradually subsided in recent years, the number of young people participating in the "Youth Programme" and "Friday Night Fever" had increased. The activities were conducted in good order with positive feedbacks.
- SWD noted CICRC's interest to understand the "Youth Programme" and exchange views with YNDs. SWD would relay these views to the outreaching teams and follow up relevant arrangements.
- In view of the changing activity pattern of young people, HKFYG and HKYWCA would approach young people through social media networks. In recent years, SWD had also subsidised cyber youth support services. Regarding East Kowloon Region, "Caritas Infinity Teens Cyber Youth Support Team" was offering both online and offline services to approach young people in need, render counselling, as well as make referral for appropriate follow up services based on their welfare needs.
- SWD would keep in view of the welfare needs of young people in the district and provide appropriate services.
- 19. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed. He asked LCSD, SWD and HKPF to follow up the matter.
- 20. <u>The Chairman</u> asked the representative of SWD to convey SKDC's interest in learning about and visiting the activities organised for YNDs to HKFYG and HKYWCA. He then suggested deleting the above item at the next meeting.
- (4) Suggest enhancing the facilities in shopping malls in the district by providing more seats and improving the seat design (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 22/24)
- 21. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr LAM Chun-ka and seconded by Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr WANG Wen, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr WONG Shui-sang, Ms WU Suet-lin, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Ms Christine FONG, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Mr CHAU Ka-lok and Mr CHEUNG Man-tim.
- 22. Members noted the written reply from the Link Asset Management Limited (LINK) (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 26/24).
- 23. Members' views were summarised as follows:
 - They suggested that the shopping malls in the district should consider enhancing their facilities. Examples included providing seats at the footbridges of PopCorn in Tseung Kwan O connecting with TKO Plaza and Park Central; placing chairs at the area off the Xiaomi store in East Point City when no temporary stalls were arranged; and providing more seats at appropriate locations in Ming Tak Shopping Centre and TKO Spot.

- 24. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed and asked LINK to follow up the matter. The Chairman also asked the Secretariat to relay Members' views to other relevant management companies of shopping malls concerned in writing.
- 25. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that they could include a list of representatives they would like to invite to the meeting in the motion. He then suggested deleting the above item at the next meeting.
- (5) Request for holding Olympic-themed publicity activities in the district (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 23/24)
- 26. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr WONG Wang-to and seconded by Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr CHAN Kai-wai, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Mr LI Tin-chi, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai and Ms Angel CHONG.
- 27. Members noted the written replies from LCSD and the Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) (SKDC(CICRC) Paper Nos. 29/24 and 33/24).
- 28. Members' views were summarised as follows:
 - They suggested extending the opening hours of sports centres throughout the Olympic and Paralympic Games to allow members of the public to watch more major sports competitions therein and support these major events.
 - In order to gather more audience to cheer for athletes and liven up the atmosphere, they suggested arranging large-scale live broadcasts when local athletes were competing for medals.
- 29. <u>Ms Jenny LAI, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, LCSD</u> noted Members' views. The Government had purchased the broadcasting rights of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games for the public to watch the competitions for free. During the non-opening hours of sports centres, the public could use different means to watch the competitions on free television channels to continue to support the national team and Hong Kong athletes.
- 30. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed. He then asked LCSD and SKDO to follow up the matter.
- 31. The Chairman suggested deleting the above item at the next meeting.

- (6) Request for enhancing the promotion of library collections on patriotism to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 24/24)
- 32. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr WONG Yuen-hong and seconded by Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr WANG Wen, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr Philip LI, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr LAU Kai-hong, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Mr WONG Shuisang, Mr LI Tin-chi and Ms SZE Pan-pan.
- 33. Members noted the written reply from LCSD (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 30/24).
- 34. Members' views were summarised as follows:
 - They suggested that the libraries should step up efforts in promoting patriotism and provide more patriotic books and newspaper clippings. The content could include information about the latest development of our country, the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, the Dongjiang Column, etc.. Exhibitions should also be organised on important days, such as the Victory Day of the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, the National Day, and the Lugou Bridge Incident on 7 July.
 - Efforts should be enhanced to examine the content of books and digital library collections.
 - They suggested focusing on "soft promotion" in exhibitions and publicity activities, such as showcasing books about giant pandas. This could allow children to learn more about the development and changes of the country, as well as the efforts and achievements made in the conservation of giant pandas.
 - They asked whether the libraries would organise exhibition days in July.

35. <u>Miss Olivia LAI, Senior Librarian (Sai Kung), LCSD</u> gave consolidated responses as follows:

- LCSD placed much emphasis on the works promoting patriotism, including enriching library collections and organising relevant thematic activities, with a view to enhancing the public's recognition of our country and its culture.
- In June, the libraries had organised an exhibition about the War of Resistance, through which the public could learn about the relevant history. Information about the library activities in July had been submitted in the last CICRC meeting.
- For the event "Storytelling for Children", tutors would be recruited to introduce Chinese culture to children through storytelling. They could also explain the work on the conservation of pandas to children.
- The libraries would select new materials to be included in the collections prudently. In addition, the libraries were reviewing the previously selected collections. If any library collections were found with content in breach of

the law or endangering national security, they would be removed from the shelves immediately for review. Such books would only be put on shelves again when their contents were confirmed to be complying with the law.

- 36. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed and asked LCSD to follow up the matter. The Chairman also suggested that Members could report the information of books containing objectionable content to LCSD via a designated form.
- 37. The Chairman suggested deleting the above item at the next meeting.

IV. Any Other Business

- 38. Members thanked LCSD and SKDO for their coordination and assistance during the water main burst incident at Choi Ming Court last month. Residents were adequately supported.
- 39. No other business was raised by Members.

V. Date of Next Meeting

- 40. The next CICRC meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 17 September 2024 (Tuesday).
- 41. The meeting ended at 11:13 a.m.

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