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Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Community Affairs Committee of
Sham Shui Po District Council (6th Term)

Date : 24 September 2020 (Thursday)
Time : 9:30 a.m.
Venue : Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Ms NG Mei, Carman

Members

Ms CHAU Yuen-man, Eunice	(Arrived at 9:35 a.m.)
Mr HO Kai-ming, Kalvin	(Arrived at 10:30 a.m.)
Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo	(Left at 12:59 p.m.)
Mr KONG Kwai-sang	(Arrived at 10 a.m.)
Mr LAO Ka-hang, Andy	
Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH	(Left at 12:59 p.m.)
Mr LAU Wai-chung, Lawrence	(Arrived at 10:40 a.m.; left at 12:25 p.m.)
Mr LEE Hon-ting, Howard	
Mr LEE Man-ho, Leos	(Arrived at 9:50 a.m.)
Mr LI Chun-hei, Joshua	
Mr LI Kwing, Richard	(Arrived at 10 a.m.)
Mr LI Ting-fung, Jay	(Arrived at 9:31 a.m.)
Mr MAK Wai-ming	(Arrived at 9:55 a.m.; left at 1 p.m.)
Ms NG Yuet-lan, Janet	
Mr SIN Kam-ho, Jeffrey	
Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, MH, JP	(Arrived at 9:35 a.m.)
Mr TSUI Yat-hin, Ronald	(Arrived at 9:35 a.m.)
Mr WAI Woon-nam	
Mr WONG Kit-long	(Arrived at 9:35 a.m.)
Mr YEUNG Yuk	(Arrived at 10:15 a.m.)

Co-opted Member

Mr TSUI Yip-chun (Arrived at 10:05 a.m.)

In Attendance

Mr LEE Wai-yin, Brett	Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1
Miss CHIN Wai-sheung, Doris	Senior Liaison Officer 1, Sham Shui Po District Office
Ms LAM Suk-wah, Amy	Senior Community Relations Officer, Kowloon West Regional Office, Independent Commission Against Corruption
Ms LO Ying-yue, Anna	Senior School Development Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1, Education Bureau
Ms LEUNG Wai-ling, Betty	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2, Social Welfare Department
Mr CHAN Wai-wa	Housing Manager (Kowloon West and Sai Kung 3), Housing Department
Ms HO Wing-sze, Marianna	Senior Manager (Kowloon West/Cultural Services), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHAN Pik-mei, Meimei	Manager (Kowloon West) Marketing, Programme and District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TSENG Chieh, Elsa	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po) District Support, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Kwok-pui, Louis	Assistant District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po) District Support, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms YEUNG Siu-ping, Grace	Senior Librarian (Sham Shui Po), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss YUNG Fai-ling	Librarian (Lai Chi Kok Public Library), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr TSE Yu-ngai, Patrick	Assistant Divisional Commander (Administration), Sham Shui Po District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr NG Chi-wai, Alex	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer, Sham Shui Po District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHENG Kam-hung	Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Police Community Relations Office, Sham Shui Po District, Hong Kong Police Force
Dr HUANG Shan-shan	Senior Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations) 2, Department of Health

Secretary

Miss CHU Lok-yin, Lorin	Executive Officer (District Council) 2, Sham Shui Po
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District Office

Absent with Apologies

Co-opted Member

Mr LEUNG Man-ho

Absent

Member

Mr CHUM Tak-shing

Co-opted Member

Mr FUNG Kin-wai, Patrick

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the meeting. She also welcomed Ms Meimei CHAN, Manager (Kowloon West) Marketing, Programme and District Activities of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) to attend future meetings in place of Miss TSUI Pui-yee and Mr CHAN Wai-wa, Housing Manager (Kowloon West and Sai Kung 3) of the Housing Department (“HD”) to attend this meeting in place of Miss CHAN Shuk-yu, Sylvia.

2. The Committee noted the leave application of Mr LEUNG Man-ho.

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of minutes of the 4th meeting held on 9 July 2020

3. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that regarding paragraph 68 of the minutes, “and coordinate the meeting with CityU” should be added after “the Committee urged SSPDO to maintain close communication with CityU”.

4. The Committee confirmed the amended minutes.

5. Mr Jeffrey SIN said that according to Order 7(1) of the Sham Shui Po District Council Standing Orders (“Standing Orders”), the Secretary shall issue the notice of a meeting, the agenda and relevant papers to members five clear working days before the meeting. He enquired why the agenda of this meeting and relevant papers were only received three days before the meeting. Also, he enquired why the paper of discussion item (f) was not available and, in view of the requirements in Order 13(3) of the Standing Orders, whether that item would be discussed in this meeting.

6. The Chairman said that she had followed up the situation about the agenda with the Secretariat. She said that the Secretariat had asked her earlier whether discussion item (f) could be discussed in this meeting, to which she replied that the item could be included into the agenda. She was also aware that the Secretariat would not help issue the concerned paper.

7. The Secretary said that upon receipt of that paper, the Secretariat had immediately forwarded it to relevant departments for submission of responses, but no response had been received from departments so far. At the same time, the Secretariat also maintained close contact with the Chairman.

8. The Chairman asked the members present at the meeting whether they wanted to continue to discuss how to handle discussion item (f).

9. Mr Joshua LI said that he did not understand why discussion item (f) could not be discussed in the meeting and opined that the Secretariat could have issued other papers five clear working days before the meeting.

10. Mr WONG Kit-long opined that that paper was about issues related to people's livelihood in the district and hoped that relevant departments would explain why it could not be discussed in the meeting. He then said that the Secretariat should have informed the member who submitted that paper before the meeting that the paper could be discussed in the meeting if the content could be amended to fit the functions of the District Council ("DC").

11. The Chairman said that as some of the representatives of departments present at the meeting needed to leave earlier, she hoped that the current discussion could end as quickly as possible.

12. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu asked the Secretariat to issue that paper to members and said that the duties of the Secretariat were decided by DC so the Secretariat should follow the Chairman's instruction to issue papers to members.

13. Ms Janet NG said that it was the duty of the Secretariat to issue papers to members and opined that the Secretariat should discharge its duty.

14. Mr Leos LEE said that discussion item (f) was a district affair and should be discussed in the meeting. He did not understand why the absence of responses from departments would result in the paper not being discussed.

15. Assistant District Officer 1 said that according to the standard procedures, upon receipt of a paper, the Secretariat would immediately forward it to relevant departments and ask them if response papers would be submitted and if representatives would be sent to attend the meeting, while the Chairman would be informed of relevant replies. He said that the approach this time was also the same but relevant departments had taken more time to study that paper, and the Secretariat had been following up the situation every working day while maintaining contact with the Chairman. He hoped members would understand the situation.

16. The Chairman said that she opined that the item could be included into the agenda and thus had urged the Secretariat repeatedly to issue that paper to members. She said that the communication between members and departments was very important and departments should discuss with the concerned member immediately whether to amend the content of the paper to make it become a district affair. She then requested the Secretariat to issue that paper to members.

17. The Secretary responded that the Chairman had been informed in writing earlier that that paper was incompatible with the District Councils Ordinance (“DCO”) and the Secretariat would not help issue that paper.

Agenda Item 2: Matters for discussion

(a) Follow up on the progress of the redevelopment of Shek Kip Mei Health Centre and the establishment of the new community health centre building (CAC Paper 66/20)

18. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu introduced Paper 66/20.

19. Dr HUANG Shan-shan introduced Response Paper 100/20.

20. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the existing 11 government dental clinics could not satisfy the needs of 18 districts in the territory, especially the elderly dental services. He hoped that departments could formulate long-term policies to provide basic medical services to members of the public in 18 districts, such as mobile medical services, etc.

21. Ms LAU Pui-yuk said that the population in the district was ageing and had a keen demand for public medical services. Also, she enquired about the construction progress of the new community health centre and whether the provision of medical services would be tendered to non-government organisations. Besides, she opined that mobile medical services could not replace out-patient clinic services and therefore hoped that the Government would expand services including dental out-patient, evening and holiday out-patient, and ophthalmic services to the new community health centre.

22. The Chairman reminded Ms LAU Pui-yuk that what was mentioned in Paper 66/20 was the redevelopment of Shek Kip Mei Health Centre, not the construction of the district health centre.

23. Mr WAI Woon-nam said that the Government did not provide public dental services to the elderly in the district and therefore they did not receive appropriate dental care. He hoped that departments would provide responses regarding the planning standards of dental services. Also, he enquired why civil servants could enjoy public dental services but not the elderly in the district.

24. Mr Jay LI said that public dental service planning was not available for the district while resources for dentist training were insufficient, resulting in most of the dental services being provided by private sector. He opined that dental care services were a type of primary healthcare services and the Government should provide public or subsidised dental services and should not shift the responsibility to private and non-government organisations.

25. The Chairman enquired what size of population the district was required for a dental clinic to be set up and whether the provision of public parking spaces would be cancelled as suggested in the paper.

26. Dr HUANG Shan-shan responded that mobile dental service vans were mainly used by people with limited mobility, including the infirm elderly in residential care homes or day care centres. Given the convenient transportation in Hong Kong, the Department of Health encouraged the general public to seek medical treatment in dental clinics nearby. She then said that services in the community health centre, including evening and holiday out-patient and ophthalmic services, fell under the purview of the Hospital Authority, while dental service planning, cancellation of the provision of public parking spaces and change of use of the area concerned fell under the purview of the Food and Health Bureau (“FHB”) and members could direct their enquiries to relevant departments.

27. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the Government was suggested to reach a consensus with DC before submitting funding applications to the Legislative Council. Also, he opined that dental out-patient clinics should be set up in every district.

28. Mr WAI Woon-nam said that he hoped that the Department would provide information about dental service planning after the meeting.

29. Mr WONG Kit-long said that Caritas Medical Centre was the only hospital in Sham Shui Po District, which was not at a very accessible location. Since making general out-patient service appointments was difficult, the public in need were unable to receive medical services immediately.

30. Dr HUANG Shan-shan responded that members were thanked for their views, the setting up of dental clinics in every district was a policy matter and the Department would convey the views to relevant departments. She said that 70% of the dental services in Hong Kong were provided by private organisations and as the Government could only focus its resources on provision of emergency dental services to the public, it rolled out the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme under the Community Care Fund and provided grants under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (“CSSA”) Scheme to cover dental treatment fees, hoping that the public could use the private dental services in their districts. She then said that non-government organisations in the district also provided dental services to the public, including the dental clinics (Pak Tin Estate and Lei Cheng Uk Estate) of Project Concern Hong Kong, the dental clinic and integrated medical centre of Yan Chai Hospital, the dental centre of HOPE worldwide, as well as Sham Shui Po District Council Po Leung Kuk Shek Kip Mei Community Services Centre.

31. Mr KONG Kwai-sang enquired why dental service providers were mostly private organisations and whether the Government proposed that services including medical/elderly care services be led by the private market. He then said that the dental services provided by non-government organisations in the district could not meet the demand and failed to satisfy the residents' needs in the district.

32. Ms Janet NG said that the medical system was overloaded at the moment and could not satisfy the public's basic needs. She opined that the Department should promote expansion of medical services.

33. Dr HUANG Shan-shan responded that dental service planning did not fall under the purview of the Department and hoped that members would direct the concerned enquiries to FHB.

34. The Chairman asked Mr Howard LEE to introduce the motion in Paper 66/20.

35. Mr Howard LEE said that the motion was moved by him and seconded by Mr TAM Kwok-kiu and it read as follows:

“This Committee strongly requests that the provision of public parking spaces in the new community health centre be cancelled and services including but not limited to elderly dental out-patient and ophthalmic out-patient services be provided instead.”

36. Ms LAU Pui-yuk said that she agreed that elderly dental out-patient and ophthalmic out-patient clinics should be provided in the district but was worried that the illegal parking problem in the district would worsen if the provision of public parking spaces was cancelled. Therefore, she would abstain from the voting on the motion.

37. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that he agreed that the district had a serious illegal parking problem and lacked public parking spaces but opined that the new community health centre was not suitable for providing public parking spaces.

38. The Committee voted on the motion by open ballot.

39. The voting result was as follows:

For: Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard LI, Mr Jay LI, Mr MAK Wai-Ming, Ms Carman NG, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr Ronald TSUI,

Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr YEUNG Yuk, Mr
TSUI Yip-chun (19)

Against: (0)

Abstain: Mr Leo HO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk (2)

40. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried and concluded that it was hoped that THB would provide responses regarding dental service population planning, cancellation of the provision of public parking spaces, as well as facilities in the new community health centre building.

(b) Coordination between departments in the handling of home death cases by the Police (CAC Paper 67/20)

41. Mr Richard LI introduced Paper 67/20.

42. Mr Patrick TSE responded that generally speaking, for non-criminal death cases, the Police needed to submit reports to the Coroner's Court within about half a year. For this case, he said that the Police had completed the investigation and explained that a longer handling time was required because the deceased person kept a lot of property at home and after asking different departments, the Police still could not contact the deceased person's kin. The Police had the responsibility to keep the property in its custody lest the deceased person's interests were jeopardised. He then said that after review, the Police hoped to establish a mechanism for similar cases in future, with the aim of completing the handling work within one to two months and then passing the cases to HD or relevant departments for follow up.

43. Mr CHAN Wai-wa introduced Response Paper 98/20.

44. Mr WONG Kit-long said that the warden of the Housing for Senior Citizens in Fu Yun House had reduced the number of service days earlier due to the epidemic and the death case of an elderly living alone was therefore not handled immediately. He then enquired about HD wardens' procedures for handling relevant cases.

45. Mr WAI Woon-nam enquired how HD would coordinate the concerned work with other departments regarding home death cases of elderly living alone.

46. Mr Richard LI suggested that departments establish relevant mechanisms in future to support elderly persons living alone by, for example, re-implementing the Estate Social Service for the Elderly Scheme.

47. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu suggested that the Department review the inadequacies of existing mechanisms and pointed out that the ageing population was serious at the moment and the number of households comprising only one or two elderly persons was rising continuously, while the Estate Social Service for the Elderly Scheme implemented in the past could support elderly persons. He also suggested that the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) establish a database of emergency contacts of elderly persons at high risk to make it easier for departments to access family members’ contact information.

48. Mr Jeffrey SIN opined that SWD or HD could consider creating new posts dedicated to supporting households comprising only one or two elderly persons.

49. Mr Patrick TSE responded that given that a longer time was used in this case to find the deceased person’s family members, the Police was reviewing the procedures for handling such cases and hoped that relevant work could be completed within two months in future to speed up the follow-up work of HD.

50. Mr CHAN Wai-wa responded that HD had always requested residents to provide family members’ contact information and when there were death cases of elderly living alone, the Department would immediately provide the information obtained to the Police and try its best to contact the deceased persons’ family members. He pointed out that the Department’s wardens would regularly visit elderly living alone but it was difficult to check whether the elderly were fine as they might be away from home and travelling abroad. If suspected cases were provided by the residents nearby, the Department would carry out liaison and follow-up work. He then explained that Estate Liaison Officers were mainly responsible for liaising with estate management advisory committees and community organisations.

51. Ms Betty LEUNG responded that one of the services provided by neighbourhood elderly centres and district elderly community centres in the district was provision of support to elderly living alone or hidden elderly. Also, in view of the increasing number of dementia cases, SWD enhanced the provision of care and support services appropriate for dementia patients at the community level in recent years, which included arranging for neighbourhood elderly centres and district elderly community centres to provide training to frontline property management officers of HD in the hope that patients and families in need could be identified as early as possible, so that relevant service information could be provided to them. She also said that if an elderly CSSA recipient who lived in public rental housing died, HD would liaise with SWD and carry out follow-up work or provide assistance accordingly.

52. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu hoped that HD would follow up on the support for housing estates with an ageing population and suggested that SWD teach elderly to keep emergency

contact information at home so that departments could contact them immediately in case of emergency.

53. Mr TSUI Yip-chun enquired which section of HD help could be sought from if it was found in a housing estate that an elderly person had not been seen for many days. He also enquired about the duties of wardens of Housing for Senior Citizens and how they would help elderly residents to address daily needs.

54. Mr CHAN Wai-wa responded that residents in housing estates had provided the Department with emergency contact information when moving in. The Department would also update residents' information in a timely manner and give the information to the Police when necessary. He said that if residents encountered an emergency in housing estates or found that an elderly person had not been seen for many days, they could contact the officers of the concerned buildings directly. He also said that the information on wardens' duties would be provided after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: Welfare workers were currently employed by Fu Cheong Estate to handle the daily management work of the Housing for Senior Citizens in Fu Yun House, such as inspecting the facilities in the Housing for Senior Citizens units and common areas and informing contractors for appropriate repair and maintenance services; supervising cleansing contractors to keep the Housing for Senior Citizens clean; resolving disputes between elderly and neighbours; handling emergencies and providing emergency contacts; liaising with social welfare organisations in the district to provide appropriate services to elderly; arranging activities for elderly.]

55. The Chairman concluded that the Committee was concerned about the environmental hygiene and the situations of elderly in need in the time of the epidemic and hoped that relevant departments would strengthen the communication with Members and pay close attention to the concerned situations.

(c) Concern over the law and order problems in Sham Shui Po District during the epidemic (CAC Paper 68/20)

56. Mr Jay LI introduced Paper 68/20.

57. Mr Alex NG introduced Response Paper 99/20.

58. Mr Jay LI was dissatisfied that the Police did not provide figures on crimes in the district for the last three quarters and enquired the reason.

59. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the law and order problems in the district were closely

related to the work of various departments. He hoped that the Police would provide supplementary information after the meeting concerning crime figures in the district.

60. Mr Jeffrey SIN enquired whether the Police would step up patrols to address the illegal gambling problem in the district.

61. Mr Alex NG responded that the Police was concerned about the law and order problems in the district and apart from combating crimes, the Police would also disseminate information about crime prevention, traffic-related matters and new laws through different channels, including online and offline platforms. He said that the Police had stepped up law enforcement efforts and patrols at crime black spots and issued penalty tickets in accordance with the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation, with the aim of alleviating the illegal gambling problem in the district.

62. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that he hoped the Police would provide figures on crimes in the district for the last three quarters to allow members to understand and help improving the law and order problems in the district.

63. Mr Jay LI requested the Police to provide figures on crimes in the district for every quarter to allow different departments to adjust relevant work policies according to the crime figures.

64. Mr Andy LAO said that he had requested the Police to provide figures on crimes in his constituency before but to no avail.

65. Mr Patrick TSE responded that the Police would provide relevant crime figures to the Committee where practicable.

66. Mr WONG Kit-long said that he hoped that quarterly figures on crimes in the district would be set as a standing discussion item of the Committee.

67. Mr MAK Wai-ming enquired whether the Police still required police officers to sign in on patrol logbooks at the moment and suggested that the Police re-adopt the past practice so as to maintain law and order in the district.

68. Mr Jeffrey SIN suggested that the Police review the existing procedures for making reports so as to ensure that the reports would be properly handled.

69. Mr Patrick TSE responded that the Police adopted an open attitude towards whether patrols should be carried out on a random or fixed-time basis and members were welcome to offer their views.

70. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu suggested establishing a platform to disseminate overall crime information of the district.

71. The Chairman concluded that it was hoped that the Police would provide relevant information after the meeting and make annual reports in DC full council meetings in a timely manner.

(d) Dogs on Mission Hill are so poor (CAC Paper 69/20)

72. Mr Kalvin HO introduced Paper 69/20.

73. The Chairman said that before the meeting, the Secretariat had invited the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (“AFCD”) to attend the meeting, yet the Department said that it could not send representatives to attend the meeting. She asked members to refer to the relevant written response (Paper 97/20).

74. Mr Kalvin HO enquired whether the Sham Shui Po District Office (“SSPDO”) would put up signboards on Mission Hill and said that AFCD did not give an account of its operation guidelines on dog nuisance in the response paper.

75. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that SSPDO was open to members’ suggestions. He then said that if members had any suggestions about district minor works, they could submit proposals to the District Facilities Committee (“DFC”) for consideration; if the proposals were endorsed, SSPDO would handle the concerned works in accordance with the established mechanism.

76. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu hoped that the Department would clarify whether the staff were instructed to chase dogs away by banging metal bars on railings according to the operation guidelines. He also requested SSPDO to submit a works proposal to put up signboards to DFC for him.

77. The Chairman asked Mr Kalvin HO to introduce the motion in Paper 69/20.

78. Mr Kalvin HO said that the motion was moved by him and seconded by Mr TAM Kwok-kiu and it read as follows:

“This Committee requests SSPDO to take up a coordinating role to put up signboards at trail starting points of Mission Hill, appealing to hikers to be kind to animals and refrain from making loud noises so as to prevent dogs from being overly scared.”

79. The Committee voted on the motion by open ballot.

80. The voting result was as follows:

For: Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr Calvin HO, Mr Leo HO, Mr Andy LAO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard LI, Mr Jay LI, Mr MAK Wai-Ming, Ms Carman NG, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr TSUI Yip-chun (18)

Against: (0)

Abstain: (0)

81. Mr Joshua LI suggested that the works proposal be submitted by SSPDO to the Working Group on District Works and District Facilities Management.

82. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that if the concerned works proposal was received, SSPDO would follow up on relevant matters in accordance with the established practice.

83. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried and concluded that it was hoped that the Department would give a response regarding how it handled stray dogs.

[Post-meeting note: If stray dogs were found during inspections and capture operations were required, AFCD would pay special attention to animal welfare and try its best to prevent animals from experiencing negative feelings (such as pain, terror, etc.); according to internal guidelines, staff members of the Department would neither use metal bars to capture stray dogs nor make noises by banging objects to chase dogs away.]

(e) Reinstatement of testing centres and the Government's further work on quarantine after the end of the Universal Community Testing Programme (CAC Paper 70/20)

84. Mr Howard LEE introduced Paper 70/20.

85. Ms Elsa TSENG responded that LCSD had lent four sports centres in the district for use as testing centres but the Department did not have information on level of usage of the testing centres. She said that the four sports centres had been cleaned and disinfected every day and after taking back the venues, the Department had arranged for cleaning workers to use 1:49 diluted bleach to clean the venues thoroughly, including the floor, viewing galleries, seats, walls, lobbies, lifts, etc., as well as additionally engaging

disinfecting companies to spray disinfectant.

86. The Chairman said that before the meeting, the Secretariat had invited the Civil Service Bureau (“CSB”) and FHB to attend the meeting, yet the bureaux said that they could not send representatives to attend the meeting. She asked members to refer to the relevant written response (Paper 96/20). She then said that the concerned departments opined that the third part of the paper was not in line with the functions of DC and therefore would not provide any response.

87. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu hoped that the Department would provide information on usage level of the testing centres after the meeting. He then enquired why the third part of the paper was not in line with the functions of DC and whether the distribution of specimen bottles by general out-patient clinics would be cancelled.

88. Mr Jeffrey SIN said that residents were concerned whether the distribution of specimen bottles by general out-patient clinics would be continued.

89. Ms LAU Pui-yuk thanked LCSD for cleaning and disinfecting the sports centres after the end of the Universal Community Testing Programme and hoped that the Department would continue to carry out cleaning and disinfection daily. She then enquired about the number of specimen bottles distributed by general out-patient clinics and whether the number would be increased.

90. Mr Joshua LI agreed with Mr WONG Kit-long’s views and enquired about the details of the above arrangement.

91. Ms Elsa TSENG responded that the Department would try to find the information on level of usage of the four sports centres in the district.

92. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that SSPDO had made enquiries about the third part of the paper to relevant departments and the departments said that the concerned content was not related to district affairs and therefore not in line with the functions of DC.

93. The Chairman said that she had also just learnt that the third part of the paper was not in line with the functions of DC and enquired about members’ views on the paper.

94. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Ms Eunice CHAU and Mr Calvin HO all said that they hoped the Government would explain why the third part of the paper was not in line with the functions of DC.

95. Mr Leos LEE said that DC should be able to discuss any matter.

96. Mr MAK Wai-ming said that the content of the paper could be amended to enquiries about the number of confirmed patients, level of usage and post-programme cleaning at the testing centre in Pei Ho Street Sports Centre.

97. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted CSB's response about the first and second parts of the paper.

(f) Urge the Government to improve the existing healthcare system to protect the long-term healthcare quality in Hong Kong

98. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had informed her in writing earlier that relevant departments opined that the issue mentioned above and the concerned paper were not district-level affairs of Sham Shui Po and therefore not in line with the functions of DC provided in Section 61(a) of DCO, and because of this, the Secretariat would not provide support and all government department officers (including staff of the Secretariat) would not attend or participate in the discussion about the paper. Also, she reminded members that they had used about 30 minutes earlier to express their views on the matter that the paper could not be discussed in the meeting.

99. Assistant District Officer 1 responded on behalf of the Government that relevant departments opined that the concerned issue was not in line with the functions of DC provided in Section 61(a) of DCO, the government department representatives present at the meeting would not participate in the discussion and would walk out, and the Secretariat would not provide support.

(g) Report by LCSD on recreational and sports activities organised in Sham Shui Po District (CAC Paper 71/20)

100. Ms Elsa TSENG introduced Paper 71/20.

101. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired whether the Department had any plan on how to use the funds left unspent due to cancellation or suspension of recreational and sports activities.

102. The Chairman enquired when the Department would resume its recreational and sports activities and whether the numbers of places available would be affected by the prohibition on group gatherings.

103. Ms Elsa TSENG responded that for cancelled activities, the Department would return the concerned funds to SSPDO as quickly as possible for reallocation and said that funds of about \$2,000,000, which were left unspent due to cancellation of the activities scheduled for between April and July, had been returned to SSPDO. She then said that

starting from 19 October, the Department would resume some recreational and sports activities, with the number of activities and the numbers of places available reduced, and the numbers of places available would mostly be reduced to half of the original numbers.

104. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired whether the Department would increase the number of recreational and sports activities or rent outdoor venues to re-hold the activities cancelled earlier after the epidemic stabilized.

105. Mr Jay LI enquired whether the Department would use those unspent funds to provide support to coaches and instructors and whether support was provided to them in the past few months. He then enquired how the Department would handle the contracts with coaches and instructors.

106. The Chairman enquired whether the numbers of places available would also be halved concerning training courses for young or elite athletes.

107. Ms Elsa TSENG responded that the Department noted members' views. Regarding support for coaches and instructors, she said that the Departments had provided ex-gratia payments to the personnel affected by cancellation of the activities scheduled for between January and March and was looking into provision of another round of ex-gratia payments. She also pointed out that activity coaches and instructors were engaged independently on contract basis. She then said that the Department was preparing to resume the community recreational and sports activities in the district and would lower the teacher to student ratio in accordance with guidelines so as to lower the infection risk. As for training courses for young or elite athletes, they were subsidised by the Department and enquiries of these courses should be made to relevant organisations.

108. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the content of the report and it was hoped that the Department would organise more activities to support the coaches and instructors affected by the epidemic.

(h) Report by LCSD on Tao Arts Sham Shui Po – Community Arts Scheme and other arts and cultural activities in Sham Shui Po District (CAC Paper 72/20)

109. Ms Marianna HO introduced Paper 72/20.

110. The Chairman enquired how the Department would handle the activities listed in Annex (2) of Paper 72/20, which were held by organisations at public places, given that the prohibition on group gatherings was still in effect.

111. Ms Marianna HO responded that the Department would contact departments

including HD and confirm the opening dates of venues with them, as well as advising the organisations to move their activities to indoor venues or postpone them.

112. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the content of the report.

(i) Report by LCSD on the extension activities and utilisation of public libraries in Sham Shui Po District (CAC Paper 73/20)

113. Ms Grace YEUNG introduced Paper 73/20 and said that all reopened public libraries in Hong Kong would return to normal opening hours starting from 29 September.

114. Mr Jay LI enquired whether mobile library services were suspended.

115. Ms Grace YEUNG responded that in view of the latest epidemic situation, all public library services in Hong Kong, including mobile library services, were suspended starting from 15 July.

116. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the content of the report.

Agenda Item 3: Reports from Working Groups under the Committee

(a) Vetting Sub-Committee (CAC Paper 74/20)

(b) Working Group on Elderly and Rehabilitation Services (CAC Paper 75/20)

(c) Working Group on Community Building and District Bazaars (CAC Paper 76/20)

117. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted and endorsed the above working group reports.

Agenda Item 4: Follow-up matters

(a) List of follow-up matters of the Community Affairs Committee (CAC Paper 77/20)

118. The Chairman asked members to refer to Paper 77/20 and enquired about members' views on the retention or removal of items on the list.

119. Mr WAI Woon-nam suggested that for item (ii), SSPDO should report the details or plans on addition of children's toilets and baby caring facilities to the toilets of the eight community halls/centres under it.

120. The Secretary responded that the relevant response of SSPDO was provided in Paper 77/20 and members would be notified if there was any update.

121. Mr WAI Woon-nam enquired about SSPDO's timetable for adding the concerned facilities to the eight community halls/centres under it.

122. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that members' views were noted, SSPDO had, as stated in Paper 77/20, referred members' views to the Architectural Services Department for follow up and new information, if any, would be provided as far as possible.

123. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that in view of the growing population in the district, it was necessary to add the concerned facilities and he hoped that departments would provide the timetable more proactively.

124. Ms LAU Pui-yuk enquired when the Sham Shui Po District Health Centre would come into service and suggested inviting relevant organisations to give an introduction.

125. The Chairman said that as relevant department representatives were not present at the meeting, she suggested that members submit a paper to invite departments to give responses.

126. The Chairman concluded that item (i) would be removed from the list, item (ii) would continue to be followed up and it was hoped that SSPDO would report the details or plans on addition of children's toilets and baby caring facilities to the toilets of the eight community halls/centres under it.

Agenda Item 5: Any other business

(a) 2020/2021 Sham Shui Po District Council Allocation Monitoring Programme – LCSD 4th Quarter Activities Sampling Assessment

127. The Chairman picked the following three activities randomly for monitoring by drawing lots:

Priority/Category	Activities	Date
1. Recreational and sports activities	Yoga Training Course	21 January 2021 to 1 April 2021

2. Tao Arts Sham Shui Po activities	Cantonese Opera Concert (Hong Kong Young Talent Cantonese Opera Troupe)	6 February 2021
3. Public library extension activities	Storytelling for Children	23 January 2021

(b) 2020/2021 Sham Shui Po District Council Allocation Monitoring Programme – LCSD 1st and 2nd Quarters Activities Assessment Report (CAC Papers 78/20 to 81/20)

128. The Committee noted and endorsed the above four assessment reports.

(c) Funding applications for the dedicated funding for arts and cultural activities in Sham Shui Po District (CAC Paper 74/20)

129. The Chairman stated that the Vetting Sub-Committee (“VSC”), at its meeting on 3 September this year, had vetted the funding applications for the dedicated funding for arts and cultural activities in Sham Shui Po District, and endorsed an allocation of \$1,213,736 to the organisations concerned for organising 14 activities. The details of the funding applications were listed in Annex. She asked members to consider whether to endorse the above funding applications and reminded members to make declaration of interests in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Application No: 200099 – 200102, 200104 – 200107, 200111 – 200112, 200115 and 200122 – 200124

130. The Committee endorsed the above funding applications.

(d) Funding applications to the Vetting Sub-Committee (CAC Paper 82/20)

131. The Chairman stated that VSC, at its meeting on 22 September this year, had vetted the funding applications for reserved funds and non-reserved funds for organising activities during the period from 1 October to 31 December 2020, and endorsed an allocation of \$547,697 of reserved funds for organising 12 activities and an allocation of \$809,435 of non-reserved funds for organising 33 activities. The applications for reserved funds and non-reserved funds were listed out in Annex A and Annex B respectively. She asked

members to consider whether to endorse the above funding applications and reminded members to make declaration of interests in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Application No: 200167 – 200172, 200174 – 200176, 200178 – 200180, 200182, 200186, 200188 – 200194, 200196 – 200197, 200199, 200201 – 200205, 200207 – 200213, 200218 – 200220, 200222, 200224 – 200230

132. The Committee endorsed the above funding applications.

(e) Funding applications to the Working Group on Elderly and Rehabilitation Services (CAC Papers 83/20 to 91/20)

133. The Chairman stated that the Working Group on Elderly and Rehabilitation Services (“WGERs”), at its meeting on 1 September this year, had vetted the funding applications for 2020/21 and endorsed an allocation of \$1,200,000 for organising nine activities. She asked members to consider whether to endorse the above funding applications and reminded members to make declaration of interests in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Paper 83/20

134. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Shamshuipo District Elderly Community Centre to organise the “Learn the Art” (Paper 83/20). The joint organiser was WGERs and the amount was \$99,900.

135. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

Paper 84/20

136. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for Ho Kin District Community Centre For Senior Citizens (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) to organise the “Treasure your health, Measure your blood pressure 2020” (Paper 84/20). The joint organisers were WGERs, Caritas Medical Centre, The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation Community Rehabilitation Network, Caritas Cheng Shing Fung District Elderly Centre (Shamshuipo), The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Shamshuipo District Elderly Community Centre, the Department of Family Medicine and Primary Health Care of Kowloon West Cluster under the Hospital Authority, and the amount was \$73,218.

137. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

Paper 85/20

138. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for People Service Centre Limited to organise the “Prevention of COVID 19 for the elderly” (Paper 85/20). The joint organiser was WGERs; the co-organisers were Sham Shui Po East Residents Mutual Help Centre (深東居民互助中心), Shek Kip Mei Resident Association, Nam Cheong Estate Residents Association and Lai Kok Residents Service Centre (麗閣居民服務中心), and the amount was \$135,204.

139. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

Paper 86/20

140. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis to organise the “Chinese Medicine Tips for Elderly in Sham Shui Po” (Paper 86/20). The joint organiser was WGERs and the amount was \$202,714.

141. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

Paper 87/20

142. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for Fu Hong Society to organise the “Art Buddies with Star” (Paper 87/20). The joint organisers were WGERs and Fu Hong Society Cheung Sha Wan Adult Training Centre; the co-organisers were Fu Hong Society Sheung Li Uk Adult Training Centre and Fu Hong Society Chak On Adult Training Centre, and the amount was \$357,887.

143. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

Paper 88/20

144. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for Heep Hong Society to organise the “Overcome adversity with our children” (Paper 88/20). The joint organiser was WGERs and the amount was \$81,530.

145. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

Paper 89/20

146. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for Ho Kin District Community Centre For Senior Citizens (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) to organise the “Spick and span households presented with love – Cleaning services for seniors (2020)” (Paper 89/20). The joint organisers were WGERs, The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Shamshuipo District Elderly Community Centre and Caritas Cheng Shing Fung District Elderly Centre (Shamshuipo), and the amount was \$132,880.

147. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

Paper 90/20

148. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Shamshuipo District Elderly Community Centre to organise the “Community Fall Prevention Project for the Elderly 2020-2021” (Paper 90/20). The joint organisers were WGERs, Caritas Medical Centre, Ho Kin District Community Centre For Senior Citizens (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen), Caritas Cheng Shing Fung District Elderly Centre (Shamshuipo) and the Department of Family Medicine and Primary Health Care of Kowloon West Cluster under the Hospital Authority, and the amount was \$109,400.

149. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

Paper 91/20

150. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for Wah Yan Cultural Foundation Limited to organise the “Care Elderly Love Community” (Paper 91/20). The joint organiser was WGERs and the amount was \$7,267.

151. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

(f) Funding applications to the Working Group on Community Building and District Bazaars (CAC Paper 92/20)

152. The Chairman stated that the Working Group on Community Building and District Bazaars (“WGCBDDB”), at its meeting on 15 September this year, had vetted the funding applications for 2020/21, and endorsed an allocation of \$200,000 for organising one activity. She asked members to consider whether to endorse the above funding application and reminded members to make declaration of interests in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Paper 92/20

153. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for Concerning CSSA & Low Income Alliance to organise the “Support Community Development & Local Economy - Feasibility Study for Sham Shui Po Sustainable Development” (Paper 92/20). The joint organiser was WGCBDDB; the co-organiser was Make A Difference Institute Limited and the amount was \$200,000.

154. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

(g) Funding applications to the Working Group on Sports, Arts and Culture (CAC Paper 93/20)

155. The Chairman stated that the Working Group on Sports, Arts and Culture (“WGSAC”) had vetted and endorsed an allocation of \$96,100 for one funding application by circulation. She asked members to consider whether to endorse the above funding application and reminded members to make declaration of interests in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Paper 93/20

156. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for Sham Shui Po Recreation Culture Limited to organise “The Questionnaire of Shamshuipo Sports” (Paper 93/20). The joint organiser was WGSAC and the amount was \$96,100.

157. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired whether the questionnaire survey would be conducted at MTR Shek Kip Mei Station.

158. Mr Leos LEE responded that WGSAC could require the organisation to set up street counters at MTR Shek Kip Mei Station.

159. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

(h) Funding applications to the Working Group on Children and Youth Affairs (CAC Papers 94/20 to 95/20)

160. The Chairman stated that the Working Group on Children and Youth Affairs (“WGCYA”), at its meeting on 15 September this year, had vetted the funding applications for 2020/21 and endorsed an allocation of \$87,068 for organising two activities. She asked members to consider whether to endorse the above funding applications and reminded members to make declaration of interests in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Paper 94/20

161. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for Wah Yan Cultural Foundation Limited to organise the “‘Your Own Way’ Life Education and Life Planning Program” (Paper 94/20). The joint organiser was WGCYA and the amount was \$47,653.

162. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

Paper 95/20

163. The Chairman asked members to consider the funding application for Wah Yan Cultural Foundation Limited to organise the “Teen and Family Fight The Virus” (Paper 95/20). The joint organiser was WGCYA and the amount was \$39,415.

164. Since no member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the above funding application was endorsed unanimously by the members present at the meeting.

165. Mr WONG Kit-long said that he hoped that the matter of no response to discussion items (e) and (f) from relevant departments could be handled as well.

166. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that SSPDO would take follow-up actions accordingly if members' views complied with the functions of DC.

167. Mr Jeffrey SIN enquired whether the Secretariat would upload the paper of discussion item (f) onto DC's website.

168. The Secretary responded that as mentioned earlier in the written notification provided to the Chairman, since the relevant document did not comply with the functions of DC, the Secretariat would not assist in handling the relevant document and provide secretarial services.

Agenda Item 6: Date of next meeting

169. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 26 November 2020 (Thursday).

170. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:40 p.m.

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