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Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Community Affairs Committee of  
Sham Shui Po District Council (6th Term)

Date : 9 July 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

Mr CHUM Tak-shing (Arrived at 11:10 a.m.; left at 1:05 p.m.)

Mr HO Kai-ming, Calvin (Left at 10:30 a.m.)

Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo

Mr KONG Kwai-sang (Arrived at 10:15 a.m.)

Mr LAO Ka-hang, Andy

Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

Mr LAU Wai-chung, Lawrence (Left at 11:25 a.m.)

Mr LEE Hon-ting, Howard (Left at 10:30 a.m.)

Mr LEE Man-ho, Leos

Mr LI Chun-hei, Joshua

Mr LI Kwing, Richard (Arrived at 10 a.m.)

Mr LI Ting-fung, Jay (Arrived at 9:34 a.m.)

Mr MAK Wai-ming

Ms NG Yuet-lan, Janet

Mr SIN Kam-ho, Jeffrey

Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, MH, JP (Arrived at 9:50 a.m.; left at 1:05 p.m.)

Mr TSUI Yat-hin, Ronald (Arrived at 9:43 a.m.; left at 10:45 a.m.)

Mr WAI Woon-nam (Arrived at 9:38 a.m.)

Mr WONG Kit-long

Mr YEUNG Yuk (Arrived at 9:55 a.m.; left at 12:33 p.m.)

Co-opted Members

Mr LEUNG Man-ho

(Arrived at 9:39 a.m.; left at 12:40 p.m.)

Mr TSUI Yip-chun

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 CHAN Suk-fan, Janet

Liaison Officer In-charge (District Facilities Management Committee and Lai Chi Kok), 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

Miss CHAN Shuk-yu, Sylvia

Housing Manager (Kowloon West and Sai Kung 6), Housing Department

Ms HO Wing-sze, Marianna

Senior Manager (Kowloon West/Cultural Services), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Miss TSUI Pui-yee

Assistant Manager (Kowloon West) Marketing, Programme & 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

Ms WONG Sau-ching, Agnes

Librarian (Po On Road Public Library), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Miss CHEUNG Fung-heung

Senior Health Inspector (Sham Shui Po), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr LEUNG Chi-ho

Senior Health Inspector (Sham Shui Po), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms Liza CHEUNG

General Manager (Nursing), Caritas Medical Centre, Hospital Authority

Ms Jenny CHAN

Senior Nursing Officer, Caritas Medical Centre, Hospital Authority

Mr Nick YIU

Senior Manager – Community Relations, Link Asset Management Limited

Mr Leo LEUNG

Officer – Community Relations, Link Asset Management Limited

Secretary

Miss CHU Lok-yin, Lorin

Executive Officer (District Council) 2, Sham Shui Po District Office

Absent

Co-opted Member

Mr FUNG Kin-wai, Patrick

### Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the meeting.

### Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of minutes of the 3rd meeting held on 14 May 2020

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received a proposed amendment on paragraph 102 from the department prior to the meeting: it was suggested that a footnote “based on public health considerations, the concerned extension activity would be postponed” be added into item 3 of the table. The proposed amendment had been sent to all members by e-mail on 7 July 2020 for reference.

3. The Committee confirmed the amended minutes.

### Agenda Item 2: Matters for discussion

(a) Request for installation of children’s toilet seats and children’s toilets (CAC Paper 42/20)

4. Mr WAI Woon-nam introduced Paper 42/20.

5. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had invited MTR Corporation Limited to the meeting, yet the company could not send representatives to this meeting. She asked members to refer to the relevant written response (Paper 64/20).

6. Ms Liza CHEUNG responded that the Hospital Authority (“HA”) provided children’s toilets in both children’s wards and specialist hospitals; HA would also facilitate the installation of children’s toilets in hospitals proactively.

7. Ms Elsa TSENG introduced Response Paper 62/20 and said that the leisure and cultural services facilities mentioned in the paper included the recreational and sports facilities, cultural venues and libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”).

8. Mr LEUNG Chi-ho introduced Response Paper 61/20.

9. Ms Janet CHAN responded that relevant facilities were provided in some community halls and community centres, Sham Shui Po District Office (“SSPDO”) would examine the feasibility of members’ suggestions.

10. Miss Sylvia CHAN introduced Response Paper 63/20.

11. Mr Leo LEUNG responded that the commercial properties of the Link in the district included the shops of Nam Cheong Estate, Nam Cheong Place and Un Chau Shopping Centre. The company would examine the suggestion of installing children's toilet seats and children's toilets and enhance various facilities based on actual circumstances.

12. Mr WAI Woon-nam said that the toilet facilities of Nam Cheong District Community Centre ("NCDCC") were dilapidated and no children's toilet was provided. He hoped that SSPDO would follow up on the installation of children's toilets in NCDCC and the performing arts facilities at North West Kowloon Reclamation Site 6 ("Site 6"). He also suggested that the Housing Department ("HD") and the Link should improve the toilet facilities of Lai Kok Estate, Shek Kip Mei Market and shopping centres managed by the Link in the district respectively; relevant departments should also install children's toilets in West Kowloon Maternal and Child Health Centre.

13. Ms Liza CHEUNG responded that West Kowloon Maternal and Child Health Centre was managed by the Department of Health.

14. Miss Sylvia CHAN responded that HD noted members' suggestions on the toilets of Lai Kok Estate and Shek Kip Mei Market and would relay them to the relevant departments for consideration.

15. Ms Janet CHAN responded that SSPDO noted members' views and could explore ways to improve toilet facilities with the works departments if necessary.

16. Mr Jay LI said that the Legislative Council had discussed measures to improve public toilet facilities and services over the territory last year, in particular the public toilets in the premises of LCSD and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD"). The discussion covered the improvement of management of public toilets and the installation of gender-neutral toilets, yet it did not include the installation of children's toilets. He quoted the toilets of Pei Ho Street Sports Centre as an example, the facilities there were dilapidated and there were no other children's toilets in the vicinity. Hence, he suggested installing children's toilets in areas with more children.

17. Ms LAU Pui-yuk hoped that the Government would formulate the concerned policy and establish uniform standards in respect of the provision of children's toilets or baby caring facilities in public places. The departments could also submit a list of toilets in public places in the district which were provided with children's toilets and baby caring facilities after the meeting.

18. Mr LEUNG Chi-ho responded that during refurbishment and enhancement of public toilets, FEHD took into account the installation of baby seats in the toilets and provision of baby changing counters in the public area of the male and female toilets. Relevant facilities had been provided in Apliu Street Public Toilet.

19. Ms Elsa TSENG responded that one children's toilet was provided in each male and female toilet of Pei Ho Street Sports Centre, and a total of four children's toilets were provided for public use. LCSD would continue to review the existing facilities, improve and install relevant facilities as far as practicable.

20. Mr WAI Woon-nam enquired about the timetable regarding the installation of children's toilets and baby caring facilities in public toilets by the Department in the future.

21. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu opined that there was no standard on provision of children's toilets currently, he urged the departments to formulate relevant standards. He also considered that the departments should provide the information about children's toilets in their premises in the district. The Government should have comprehensive formulation of relevant standards in order to provide guidance to different organisations or companies. Besides, he suggested writing to the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office ("CS' Office") and requesting CS to instruct the Planning Department or relevant bureaux to study the formulation of standards concerning the provision of children's toilets.

22. Mr LEUNG Chi-ho responded that FEHD had not established standard specifications of baby care rooms for public toilets, yet the above baby caring facilities would be installed during the refurbishment/enhancement or construction of public toilets. He pointed out that the Department had already installed baby seats and baby changing counters during the refurbishment/enhancement of Apliu Street Public Toilet, Nam Cheong Street Public Toilet, Yee Kuk Street Public Toilet and Yen Chow Street Public Toilet in 2019.

23. Ms Grace YEUNG responded that LCSD would reserve space for provision of baby care rooms and children's toilet facilities in newly built facilities such as the sports centre and library in the leisure and cultural building at Site 6.

24. The Chairman concluded that the Committee suggested LCSD affix signage on the compartments of children's toilets in the toilets of Pei Ho Street Sports Centre. It was hoped that after the meeting, the departments would submit the information about children's toilets and baby caring facilities in their premises and the details of the plan of installing the concerned facilities in the future. She then suggested that the matter of provision of children toilets in the community facilities at Site 6 be discussed by the Working Group on District Works and District Facilities Management. The Committee

would write to CS' Office and suggest CS formulate the concerned policy with relevant policy bureaux.

(b) Objection to the disregard for social responsibilities of the Link which forces the only tutorial centre in Fu Cheong to relocate (CAC Paper 41/20)

25. Mr WONG Kit-long introduced Paper 41/20.

26. Ms Anna LO introduced Response Paper 57/20.

27. Mr Nick YIU responded that the relevant land lease did not specify the use of the concerned shop. At the same time, the Link decided on the trade mix of its properties based on the residents' demand for different services and provided trades which met the public needs through business strategies. Hence, enhancement works had been carried out in Nam Cheong Place last year and various trades had been introduced and retained. He pointed out that since the matter involved commercial confidentiality agreement and the agreement with the operator, the content of the tenancy agreement of the concerned shop could not be disclosed in detail at the present stage. Nevertheless, the trade of the operator would complement the services which were currently not available in the shopping centre. Regarding the discussion about the future arrangements with the tutorial centre, the leasing department of the Link had invited the responsible person of the concerned tutorial centre in June last year to relocate to a shop of similar area on the ground floor of the shopping centre and continue to operate. It had also informed the responsible person that the existing shop had to be returned upon expiry of the tenancy agreement on 30 June this year. The responsible person had declined the invitation eventually due to various considerations. The shop on the ground floor was currently lent to an operator from the education-related sector. Besides, the DC Member of the concerned constituency had said that the residents had a keen demand for tutorial service during the summer holiday. Therefore, after discussion, the leasing department had extended the term of the tenancy agreement of the tutorial centre until after the summer holiday. The Link noted members' views on retaining the tutorial centre, yet there was no vacant shop that could be used as tutorial centre in the shopping centre currently. The Link would study the matter in a timely manner and follow up on the changes on demand for various services so as to meet the residents' needs in their daily life.

28. Mr WONG Kit-long said that residents would be greatly affected if trades with low competitiveness failed to survive. He hoped that the Link would enhance the communication with DC Members and residents in the future in respect of matters of changing livelihood facilities in the district so that similar incidents would not occur again.

29. Mr Richard LI opined that there had been various livelihood facilities such as music centres and tutorial schools in Fu Cheong Estate and Wing Cheong Estate in the past. Currently, there were only care services provided by social welfare organisations which could not meet residents' needs. He hoped that the Link would place emphasis on its social responsibilities and would not deprive residents of their rights to use livelihood facilities.

30. Mr Nick YIU responded that the Link had discussed the suggestion of relocating the tutorial centre to another shop with the responsible person in June last year. However, the concerned responsible person had not intended to accept the invitation and had understood that the tenancy agreement would not be renewed upon expiry. Hence, there was sufficient communication on this matter. The company was open-minded towards the issue and members were welcome to put forward their views.

31. Ms Betty LEUNG responded that Tung Wah Group of Hospitals ("TWGH") Yu Mak Yuen Integrated Services Centre provided after-school care service. However, there were limited quotas with fee remission and the applicants needed to undergo means test as well. Since the service target and focus of the after-school care service were different from those of the tutorial centre, the after-school care service might not be able to fully substitute the service provided by the tutorial centre. In recent years, the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") invited non-governmental organisations from time to time to operate after-school care service or increase service quotas. The Department would continue to liaise with the centre and consider increasing service quotas or making flexible arrangements for relevant services provided by the organisations.

32. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu opined that SSPDO should review the problem of inadequate local resources. The departments could also study the feasibility of using public space of the Mutual Aid Committees ("MACs") for providing child care service or service for the elderly to address the needs of the community.

33. Mr Leos LEE opined that tutorial centres were very important to the community. Apart from providing tutorial service, tutorial centres also served the function of child care service. Hence, the closure of tutorial centres would give rise to social cost. He then said that if similar situation occurred in the future, he hoped that the Link would exercise discretion in handling the matter.

34. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that SSPDO noted members' views, offices of MACs were managed by HD.



35. Miss Sylvia CHAN responded that the offices of MACs were mainly used by MAC of the building as office and meeting room. If the use of the offices needed to be changed, HD had to discuss the feasibility with SSPDO.

36. The Chairman enquired whether the concerned departments could provide tutorial service in the offices of MACs while complying with the guidelines of the Education Bureau (“EDB”) which restricted the number of persons to eight or below.

37. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu opined that SSPDO and HD could coordinate the matter and explore the feasibility of providing tutorial service in the MACs’ offices.

38. Mr Jay LI enquired whether EDB could solve the problems of limited quotas provided by the School-based After-school Learning and Support Programmes (“SALSP”) and the lack of continuity of the programmes. He opined that the support provided by SALSP to students was inadequate and enquired whether the Bureau had other ways to solve insufficiency of child care service in the district and whether the Bureau would consider using idle space in the district for supporting local students.

39. Ms Anna LO responded that since 2014/15 school year, the annual funding for SALSP had increased to approximately \$240 million and the discretionary quotas of the programmes had increased from 10% to 25%. Besides, EDB provided varied amount of subsidies subject to the situation of individual schools so as to provide assistance to students who had economic difficulties but had not received the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or full level student subsidy. In addition, the Bureau had all along provided various subsidies to schools for organising different kinds of extra-curricular activities.

40. Ms Betty LEUNG responded that SWD had deployed more resources to after-school child care service and increased the service quotas in recent years.

41. The Chairman asked Mr WONG Kit-long to introduce the motion in Paper 41/20.

42. Mr WONG Kit-long said that the motion was moved by him and seconded by Mr Jeffrey SIN. It read as follows:

“Request the Link to fulfil social responsibilities and retain the only tutorial centre in Fu Cheong; and request the District Office and EDB to intervene in the issue.”

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

44. The voting result was as follows:

For: Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr Leo HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang,  
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, Mr Jeffrey SIN,  
Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WONG Kit-long,  
Mr LEUNG Man-ho, Mr TSUI Yip-chun (19)

Against: (0)

Abstain: (0)

45. The Chairman announced that the motion was carried and concluded that the Committee hoped that SSPDO and HD would respond as to whether the venues of MACs could be used for providing tutorial service in order to offer assistance to the affected children and families in the district. It was also hoped that the Link would enhance the communication with local stakeholders.

(c) The community in Shek Kip Mei needs automatic teller machines Request for the District Office to take the lead in calling for installation of automatic teller machines in Shek Kip Mei Estate (CAC Paper 43/20)

46. Mr Jeffrey SIN introduced Paper 43/20.

47. Miss Sylvia CHAN introduced Response Paper 58/20.

48. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had invited The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (“HSBC”) and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to the meeting, yet the concerned parties could not send representatives to the meeting. She asked members to refer to the relevant written responses (Papers 59/20 and 60/20).

49. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that Hang Seng Bank had once set up a branch in Shek Kip Mei area to serve the residents, yet the branch had been closed many years ago. Hence, automatic teller machines (“ATMs”) had been installed afterwards as a remedial measure. He did not agree with the decision of Hang Seng Bank on the removal of the ATM. He opined that the bank should provide services and convenience to residents and considered that the bank ignored the needs of the community. Regarding the removal of the ATM, the bank should offer corresponding measures such as identifying another location for installation of ATMs or providing counter services in MTR Shek Kip Mei Station.

50. Mr MAK Wai-ming opined that whether the bank renewed the contract was purely a commercial decision, yet bank services were very essential to the elderly. Therefore, he hoped that SSPDO would draw up guidelines to request the banks to enhance the services provided to personal customers.

51. Mr KONG Kwai-sang opined that the provision of ATM service by banks was a social responsibility instead of commercial decision. He hoped that the Government would draw up guidelines, categorise banking services facilities as public facilities, request counter services or ATMs to be provided in specified areas for residents.

52. Mr Richard LI said that GAW Capital had planned to install ATMs of HSBC or Hang Seng Bank in Lai Kok Shopping Centre, yet the plan was not implemented. He opined that the lack of ATMs in the area had affected the elderly a lot and hoped that the Government would offer assistance in the subject matter.

53. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that SSPDO noted members' views and understood that HD was following up on the concerned matter and would continue to communicate with the bank. SSPDO would also provide assistance if HD encountered problems when communicating with the bank.

54. The Chairman asked Mr Jeffrey SIN to introduce the motion in Paper 43/20.

55. Mr Jeffrey SIN introduced the motion in Paper 43/20 and it read as follows:

- “1. The District Office should take the lead in liaising with HSBC and Members and calling for the relocation of the ATM in the convenience store to the ground floor of Shek Kip Mei Estate Ancillary Facilities Block for the sake of residents of the community in Shek Kip Mei; and continue to negotiate with other banks in Hong Kong to call for the installation of ATMs.
2. HD should conduct the open tender exercise for the ATM of the concerned location as soon as possible in order to facilitate the work of the District Office, make proper use of idle space and improve the well-being of residents.”

56. The Chairman said that the motion was seconded by Mr WONG Kit-long.

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

58. The voting result was as follows:

For: Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr Leo HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard LI, Mr Jay LI, Ms Carman NG, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr LEUNG Man-ho, Mr TSUI Yip-chun (16)

Against: (0)

Abstain: (0)

59. The Chairman announced that the motion was carried and concluded that it was hoped that HD would provide the result of the tender exercise to the Committee. It was also hoped that SSPDO would coordinate and improve the situation of decreasing number of ATMs in Sham Shui Po District (“SSP District”).

(d) Follow up on the request for City University of Hong Kong to open up the passage linking Nam Shan Chuen Road to Festival Walk and the MTR station (CAC Paper 44/20)

60. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu introduced Paper 44/20.

61. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had invited City University of Hong Kong (“CityU”) to the meeting, yet the university could not send representatives to the meeting and did not provide any supplementary response.

62. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that he understood members’ concerns. SSPDO had communicated with CityU many times and invited the university to the meeting, yet it could not change the decision of the university. It was considered that as part of SSP District, CityU should strengthen the communication with the Council.

63. Mr Lawrence LAU said that management of the school campus involved institutional autonomy which was difficult for the Council to interfere, yet the university had significant social responsibilities in the community as well. The subway linking CityU to Festival Walk might be included in the terms in the land lease and the subway needed to be open to the public if it was public space under private management. Nevertheless, since it was the university’s decision whether to open up the passage linking the entrance of CityU to Nam Shan Estate, the entire problem could not be solved even if the subway was confirmed to be open for public use. Hence, he opined that it was the dereliction of duty of its public relations section that the university could not send representatives to the meeting. He suggested condemning the university for disregarding the Council’s wish for communication.

64. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that he respected institutional autonomy, yet he hoped that the university could place importance to social responsibilities and address the needs of the community. He opined that CityU had not responded to the enquiries raised in the paper and it was not desirable for CityU not attending the meeting, hence he suggested SSPDO provide assistance. He considered that the closure of the passage not only caused inconvenience, but also increased the risk of residents crossing roads; CityU should be hold accountable.

65. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that SSPDO noted members' views and would communicate with relevant departments and the stakeholders after the meeting.

66. The Chairman said that the passage had been closed temporarily in the past, the Council had successfully called for the re-opening of the passage afterwards. Hence, she hoped that the university would clearly explain the reasons for closing the passage to the public. CityU had proactively persuaded the Council to support the expansion project of the university in the past; she was disappointed that the university could not attend this meeting.

67. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that he hoped to continue to discuss the concerned issue at the next meeting of the Planning Development and Transport Affairs Committee.

68. The Chairman concluded that the Committee urged SSPDO to maintain close communication with CityU and coordinate the meeting with CityU. It was also hoped that CityU would explain to the Committee whether the passage could be diverted to cater for residents' needs.

(e) Follow up on the arrangements for lowering the eligible age of "\$2 public transport fare concession" for the elderly to 60 (CAC Paper 45/20)

69. Mr WONG Kit-long introduced Paper 45/20.

70. Mr Jeffrey SIN said that the Government had announced the policy in a high-profile way before working out a clear implementation timetable, causing doubts from the public on the matter.

71. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had invited the Labour and Welfare Bureau ("LWB") to the meeting, yet the Bureau could not send representatives to the meeting. She asked members to refer to the relevant written response (Paper 65/20).

72. Mr WONG Kit-long said that he hoped that the Bureau would provide a written response with more details concerning “listening to and collecting various improvement proposals put forward by the industry and members of the public” as mentioned in Paper 65/20 after the meeting.

73. The Chairman concluded that the Committee considered LWB not sending representatives to attend the meeting many times was irresponsible. The Bureau should provide the Committee with a timetable for the implementation of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities.

(f) 2020-21 Work Plan of Sham Shui Po District Social Welfare Office under the Social Welfare Department (CAC Paper 46/20)

74. Ms Betty LEUNG introduced Paper 46/20.

75. Mr WAI Woon-nam enquired of SWD about the information about the use of the shops in the shopping centre of Seaside Sonata, and asked whether residential care homes for the elderly or persons with disabilities would be provided in the shopping centre. He said that the ground floor of NCDCC had been left vacant for nearly two years and enquired about the current planned use of the concerned location. In respect of the two programmes “Caring Nam Cheong” and “Neighbour Support” which provided assistance to households of old private buildings or cubicle apartments and were mentioned in item 3.17 of the paper, he enquired whether SWD would continue to provide services to the households after they moved out and whether street sleepers would be rehoused or services would be provided to them.

76. Mr Richard LI opined that the Government’s support to ageing in place was inadequate, the increase in service quotas for the Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) could not catch up with the existing shortfall. He considered that SWD’s support to elderly persons with mild to moderate impairment was inadequate. Those elderly persons could neither go to elderly centres nor receive assistance from the Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases), they might become hidden elderly. Hence, he suggested SWD strengthen the support provided to these elderly persons.

77. Mr KONG Kwai-sang enquired about the timetable for revision of the service scope of the Integrated Family Service Centres (“IFSCs”).

78. Ms Eunice CHAU said that she was glad to see that SWD had strengthened the support to elderly doubletons carer. However, regarding the Carer Cafe programme, the carers are required to seek help proactively. She hoped that SWD would provide assistance to them more proactively.

79. Mr LEUNG Man-ho enquired about the services provided by New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (“NLPRA”) in the district and hoped that NLPRA could provide support to families affected by the epidemic. He also enquired about the service content of TWGH’s mobile vans for publicity service on mental health and hoped that the organisation would strengthen the communication with the Council. Since some carers of persons with disabilities or elderly persons did not have knowledge about the relevant services, he suggested SWD step up publicity efforts. Besides, he enquired whether SWD planned to provide half-way houses, hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, etc. in the newly built housing estates in the district.

80. Mr Jeffrey SIN enquired whether SWD planned to purchase properties in the district as social welfare facilities. In view of the serious ageing population in Hong Kong, he suggested the Government provide public residential care homes for the elderly.

81. Mr YEUNG Yuk said that the day child care service and integrated home care service for the elderly were inadequate in the district. Regarding the plan of using \$20 billion for purchasing properties which had been announced by the Government earlier, he enquired whether SWD planned to purchase properties this year to enhance the social welfare services in the district. Besides, the ground floor of NCDCC had been left vacant for several years, social welfare organisations in the district also hoped to use that space; he enquired about the current planned use of the concerned location.

82. Ms Janet NG expressed concern over the mental health issue in the district, and hoped that SWD would step up efforts in protecting the privacy of users of the emotional support service. In view of the long waiting time for residential service, she hoped that SWD would provide support to carers of the elderly.

83. Mr Jay LI enquired whether SWD would provide support to carers of the children apart from carers of the disadvantaged. He also said that the elderly persons in need could not wait for community care service and residential service simultaneously; he enquired whether SWD would support them.

84. The Chairman opined that child services were rarely mentioned in the paper, she enquired whether SWD planned to provide support to the children.

85. Ms Betty LEUNG responded that SWD would provide social welfare facilities such as special child care centres, early education and training centres, etc. in Seaside Sonata, relevant information would be submitted after the meeting. She said that the Department welcomed the use of the vacant unit in NCDCC for provision of social welfare facilities. Regarding the programmes “Caring Nam Cheong” and “Neighbour Support”, even if the

service targets moved out, the Department still wished to follow up on the cases of people in need as far as possible and would refer the cases to relevant service units for continuous provision of relevant services. Besides, the Department had all along worked with SSPDO and other departments to follow up closely on the problem of street sleepers in the district. Last year, the Department had launched the Dementia Community Support Scheme in SSP District to provide cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary services to the elderly persons with mild to moderate dementia and their carers. Additional resources had been deployed to three district elderly community centres in the district so that a series of training and support services could be provided to the above elderly persons and their carers. The Department noted that members expressed concern over elderly persons with mild to moderate impairment and would relay the concerned suggestions to the Elderly Branch. The Department would also relay the views to the elderly service units via the District Coordinating Committee on Elderly Services, it was hoped that the service units would address the needs of the elderly and handle relevant services with flexibility. In addition, considering that the preparation work took time, the effective date of the revised service scope of IFSCs would be scheduled two months after the intake of Hoi Tat Estate and it was hoped that the case referral would be completed within six months. Based on the revised service scope, IFSCs would join the collaboration platform set up for residents of new housing estates or redeveloped housing estates with an aim of providing timely support to residents who would move in. On behalf of the Department, she thanked members for expressing their concerns over the carers in need. Service units would be reminded to pay more attention on carers, members' suggestions would also be discussed at the meetings of the District Coordinating Committees.

86. She then said that the Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness operated by NLPRA provided mental health support service to ex-mentally ill persons in need, persons of suspected mental health problems, their families/carers and local residents through integrated service mode including outreach service. NLPRA had all along worked with local organisations to provide relevant services and accept referral cases. At present, its service targets covered all secondary school students. NLPRA had already contacted organisations that provided school-based social work service to strengthen communication and cooperation. The Department would also arrange a meeting for NLPRA and the School Liaison Committee to introduce the services provided by the organisation to the secondary school students in need and strengthen the communication with the schools. She pointed out that the Department could not provide the detailed information about TWGH's mobile vans for publicity service for the time being. Members said that SWD should step up efforts in publicity work on services provided to the elderly, in particular persons with dementia and their carers. In respect of this, the Department said that a dedicated webpage had been set up on SWD's website, information about services and district activities provided by social welfare organisations would be uploaded onto the webpage on a monthly basis. Besides, SSP District Social Welfare



Office also coordinated and consolidated services and activities provided to dementia patients and their carers in the district, and disseminated relevant information to local stakeholders and organisations so as to facilitate residents to know more about community resources and ways to seek help. Regarding the views on insufficient residential care places for the elderly, the Department had reserved suitable locations for provision of residential care homes for the elderly in the redeveloped and newly built housing estates as far as possible. Regarding the purchase of properties, the Department would submit separate papers to consult the Council. In view of the keen demand for elderly service, rehabilitation service and child care service in the society, the Department would focus on developing the above services in the future. Concerning child care service, the Department had decided to provide 200 additional quotas for day child care service in the district. Two additional day child care centres would be provided in the Treasury Building and the private development project at Cheung Shun Street respectively. The Department would continue to identify suitable premises for provision of child care service. Apart from providing additional day child care centres, the Department had also increased the quotas for on-site pre-school rehabilitation services substantially; it was hoped that the waiting time for the service could be shortened so that the children with special needs could receive training during the prime time as early as possible. For rehabilitation service, the Department had reserved locations for provision of rehabilitation service units such as hostels for mentally handicapped patients, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres, etc. in most of redeveloped and newly built public housing estates. Apart from that, through the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, social welfare organisations were encouraged to provide relevant services or increase service quotas during redevelopment or expansion of their facilities. Regarding emotional support service provided to the youth, the Department had deployed more resources to get in touch with the youth in need via social welfare organisations by using flexible approaches. In addition, SSP District Social Welfare Office also worked with non-governmental organisations in the district via the life education team, promoted mental health of the youth and provided assistance through public education and district activities. The Department noted members' views on the elderly persons in need not being able to wait for community care service and residential service simultaneously.

87. Ms LAU Pui-yuk said that she hoped that the Department would step up efforts in promoting the programmes "Caring Nam Cheong" and "Neighbour Support" and provide relevant information to residents. She also suggested the Department purchase properties in the district for provision of services to residents.

88. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired about the details of the Department's plan of using \$20 billion for purchase of properties. He also suggested the Department report the services by category so that members could focus on discussing the service of the concerned categories. He pointed out that the facilities of the neighbourhood elderly

centres (“NECs”) in the district were dilapidated, the manpower was inadequate due to gradual service scope expansion; he hoped that the Department could provide additional support.

89. Mr WAI Woon-nam enquired about the current planned use of the ground floor of NCDCC.

90. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that the matter of the ground floor of NCDCC had been discussed at the meeting of the District Facilities Committee in January 2019. At that time, the Home Affairs Bureau had suggested using that location for youth services, yet further details were not available.

91. Ms Betty LEUNG responded that SWD noted the suggestions of stepping up efforts in promoting the programmes “Caring Nam Cheong” and “Neighbour Support” and purchasing properties for use as social welfare facilities. At the same time, the Department was identifying suitable premises to alleviate the situation of inadequate space of NECs in the district; it would also consider relocating NECs with inadequate space in the district to the redevelopment projects in the vicinity. The Department would also report the work progress of various services at the meetings of the District Coordinating Committees.

92. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu opined that SWD could focus on discussing the planning and development of the social welfare work for the district. Due to the increase in households of elderly doubletons living in public housing, he suggested SWD strengthen the cooperation with HD to provide more support to the elderly by making reference to the programmes “Caring Nam Cheong” and “Neighbour Support”.

93. Ms Betty LEUNG responded that the district social welfare office and local social welfare organisations had worked with HD to facilitate residents to know more about the needs of dementia patients and the carers. The Department noted members’ views and would strengthen the cooperation with HD to support the elderly persons living in public housing estates.

94. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the above work plan. It was hoped that SWD would provide relevant information about the social welfare facilities in Seaside Sonata after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: Welfare facilities to be provided by SWD in Seaside Sonata included a special child care centre, an early education and training centre, an NEC (sub-office) and a day care centre for the elderly.]

(g) Report by LCSD on recreational and sports activities organised in Sham Shui Po District (CAC Paper 47/20)

95. Ms Elsa TSENG introduced Paper 47/20.

96. Mr WAI Woon-nam said that the Water Safety Course for Baby had been cancelled earlier due to the absence of the coach, he hoped that LCSD next time would inform the affected participants as early as possible.

97. Ms Janet NG said that some residents who did not know how to access the Internet had relayed that there was no channel to obtain information about the Community Garden Programme. She enquired whether the Department disseminated relevant information via other channels apart from the website.

98. Ms Elsa TSENG responded that since the Department had been informed of the absence of the coach at short notice, it could not notify the affected participants of the first class in advance. However, the remaining participants of the course had been notified immediately. Besides, programme schedules were available to the public in the sports centres and offices of the Department. Regarding recreational and sports activities which were more popular, the Department would allocate the quotas for the activities by drawing lots; the enrolment of the Community Garden Programme also adopted the lot-drawing approach.

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

(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 48/20)

100. Ms Marianna HO introduced Paper 48/20 and said that the opening performance which was originally scheduled for 18 July was further postponed due to the epidemic situation and rehearsals of the drama troupe, etc.

101. 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 49/20)

102. Ms Grace YEUNG introduced Paper 49/20.

103. 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 50/20)
- (b) Working Group on Elderly and Rehabilitation Services (CAC Paper 51/20)
- (c) Working Group on Children and Youth Affairs (CAC Paper 52/20)
- (d) Working Group on Community Building and District Bazaars (CAC Paper 53/20)
- (e) Working Group on Sports, Arts and Culture (CAC Paper 54/20)

104. 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 55/20)

105. The Chairman asked members to refer to Paper 55/20 and enquired about members' views on the retention or removal of items on the list.

106. Mr Jay LI said that he suggested continuing to follow up on item (ii) regarding the establishment of SSP District Health Centre and hoped that the Food and Health Bureau would report the result and the details of the concerned tender exercise.

107. The Chairman concluded that items (i) and (iii) would be removed from the list and item (ii) would continue to be followed up, it was hoped that the Bureau would report the latest development to the Committee.

Agenda Item 5: Any other business

- (a) 2020/2021 Sham Shui Po District Council Allocation Monitoring Programme – LCSD 3rd Quarter Activities Sampling Assessment

108. 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	5 October 2020 to 14 December 2020
2. Tao Arts Sham Shui Po activities	Jazz Concert (WONG Tak-chung, Patrick LUI, Wilson LAM)	November 2020 (To be confirmed)
3. Public library extension activities	READ Ambassador Programme: Know more about your emotions – Storytelling session	12 December 2020

(b) Nomination of Committee representatives to sit on committees under Sham Shui Po District Social Welfare Office (CAC Paper 56/20)

109. Ms Betty LEUNG introduced Paper 56/20.

110. Mr Jeffrey SIN nominated Mr WONG Kit-long to sit on SSP District Coordinating Committee on Family and Child Welfare Services. Mr WONG Kit-long accepted the nomination. The Committee endorsed the concerned nomination.

111. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu nominated Mr Richard LI to sit on SSP District Coordinating Committee on Elderly Services. Mr Richard LI accepted the nomination. The Committee endorsed the concerned nomination.

112. Mr Richard LI nominated Mr Jay LI to sit on SSP District Coordinating Committee on Rehabilitation Services. Mr Jay LI accepted the nomination. The Committee endorsed the concerned nomination.

113. Mr WONG Kit-long nominated Mr Jeffrey SIN to sit on SSP District Local Committee on Services for Young People. Mr Jeffrey SIN accepted the nomination. The Committee endorsed the concerned nomination.

114. Mr Joshua LI nominated Ms Janet NG to sit on SSP District Coordinating Committee on Promotion of Volunteer Services. Ms Janet NG accepted the nomination. The Committee endorsed the concerned nomination.

(c) Funding Applications to the Vetting Sub-Committee (CAC Paper 50/20)

115. The Chairman stated that the Vetting Sub-Committee (“VSC”), at its meeting on 3 July this year, had vetted the applications for reserved funds and non-reserved funds for organising activities during the period from 1 July to 30 September 2020, and endorsed an allocation of \$108,600 of reserved funds for organising three activities and an allocation of \$442,945.50 of non-reserved funds for organising 24 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 Sham Shui Po District Council Standing Orders (“Standing Orders”).

Application No: 200041, 200043, 200044

116. The Committee endorsed the above funding applications.

117. Ms LAU Pui-yuk enquired about the reasons for Application No. 200040 and 200042 being rejected.

118. Mr WAI Woon-nam responded that members had not agreed to endorse the above funding applications at the meeting of VSC, and suggested Ms LAU Pui-yuk refer to the minutes of meeting.

Application No: 200046, 200047, 200050 – 200057, 200060, 200061, 200063, 200065, 200067, 200068, 200071 – 200073

119. The Committee endorsed the above funding applications.

Application No: 200074

120. Mr WAI Woon-nam declared interests, stating that he was the Consultant of the Owner’s Incorporation of Nam Cheong Estate.

121. The Chairman ruled that as there were no substantive duties in the position, Mr WAI Woon-nam could participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting.

122. The Committee endorsed the above funding application.

Application No: 200075 – 200079

123. The Committee endorsed the above funding applications.

124. Ms LAU Pui-yuk enquired whether the Committee could overturn the decision of VSC on rejecting the funding applications, and suggested that the reasons for rejecting the funding applications be listed out in the paper of VSC.

125. The Chairman responded that according to past practice, VSC would not submit funding applications which were rejected to the Committee for voting; the reasons for rejecting the funding applications would not be listed out in the paper as well. She suggested members join VSC or refer to the minutes of meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Date of next meeting

126. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 24 September 2020 (Thursday).

127. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:13 p.m.

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