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Minutes of the 13th Meeting of Sham Shui Po District Council (6th Term)
under the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Date: 11 January 2022 (Tuesday)
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Mr CHUM Tak-shing

Members

Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo	(Arrived at 9:31 a.m.)
Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH	
Mr LI Ting-fung, Jay	
Mr MAK Wai-ming	(Arrived at 10:10 a.m.)
Ms NG Mei, Carman	(Arrived at 10:01 a.m.)
Ms NG Yuet-lan, Janet	
Mr YUEN Hoi-man, Ramon	

In Attendance

Miss TSE Yi-lam, Gloria	Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1
Miss LAU Sze-nga, Vivicia	Senior Liaison Officer 3, Sham Shui Po District Office
Mr TAM Kin-fai, Simon	Senior Liaison Officer 4, Sham Shui Po District Office
Mr HO Lai-wa	Chief Engineer/Kowloon, Water Supplies Department
Ms CHENG Hoi-yi	Senior Engineer/Kowloon 1, Water Supplies Department (Acting)
Ms LING Kuk-yi	Chief Manager/M (KWS), Housing Department
Mr YU Wai-yip, Ricky	District Social Welfare Officer (Sham Shui Po), Social Welfare Department
Mr TSE Yu-ngai, Patrick	Police Community Relations Officer (Sham Shui Po District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr KWAN Chung-wai, David	Chief Leisure Manager (HKE), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms SHING Lai-kam, Goldie	District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr HUI Chi-ping, Edwin	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sham Shui Po), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr LUI Sai-tat	Chief Health Inspector (Sham Shui Po) 3, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr POON Kwok-chung, Peter	Senior Engineer/ 2 (S), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr TSE Kong-wai, Eric	Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 1, Transport Department
<u>Secretary</u>	
Ms HO Kam-ping, Jennifer	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sham Shui Po District Office

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the thirteenth meeting of the Sham Shui Po District Council (“SSPDC”). To reduce the risk of the spread of the epidemic, the attendees had scanned the QR code with the “LeaveHomeSafe” mobile application, checked their temperatures and registered their names before entering the Conference Room. Moreover, the public gallery would not be open. The District Officer would not attend this meeting due to official engagement.

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of minutes of the 12th meeting held on 9 November 2021

2. The minutes of the above meeting were confirmed without amendment.

Agenda Item 2: Matters for discussion

(a) Follow up on the conservation and community involvement work of the Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir (SSPDC Paper 1/22)

3. Mr Ramon YUEN introduced Paper 1/22.
4. Mr HO Lai-wa said that the Water Supplies Department (“WSD”) had organised the guided tours to Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir (“guided tours”) since mid-December. In light of the overwhelming response to the online booking, the Department was actively reviewing the way to increase the number of people in each tour and planned to let members of the public visit by themselves. Relevant departments had been initially consulted and suitable adjustment would be made accordingly. He then said that consideration had been given to apply for increasing the number of persons to be allowed in group gatherings exemption. However, the relevant arrangement was yet to be confirmed due to the severe epidemic situation recently. Besides, the content of the guided tours was prepared according to WSD’s records and views from some institutes, professional bodies and the community. He welcomed the community to provide supplementary information to the Department.
5. The Secretary responded that after the themes of the funded activities were endorsed by the former Working Group on the Conservation Work of the Service Reservoir at Mission Hill (“former WG”), the Secretariat had assisted in issuing open invitation for the activities and received two application forms before the deadline. During the vetting period, the Secretariat was informed by the applicant organisation that the application was withdrawn while the other organisation indicated that major changes had to be made to the application. Therefore, the meeting of the former WG on 2

September 2021 had to be rescheduled. Later, in response to the revised mechanism on the “Community Involvement Programme” (“CIP”), the relevant organisation had indicated that the content of the application would be further revised. Upon receiving the revised application, the Sham Shui Po District Office (“SSPDO”) would then vet it according to the scopes and funding criteria of the “CIP”, and would contact the organisation directly.

6. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that the revised “Arrangements for Implementing CIP and District Minor Works Programme” were endorsed by the Legislative Council on 22 October 2021. Activities worthy of funding under “CIP” would be proposed by the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) or SSPDO instead after taking into account the views of the communities, and funds would be allocated directly to relevant organisations for organising projects featuring local characteristics and popular festival celebrations as well as cultural, artistic and recreational activities. Besides, the application forms for the funding of “CIP” in Sham Shui Po District had been uploaded onto the website of “My Districts” of HAD for reference by interested bodies and organisations. Moreover, SSPDO had actively contacted district organisations and approved some funds in January 2022.

7. Mr Ramon YUEN said that numerous professional organisations had offered views on the conservation of the service reservoir at Mission Hill (“service reservoir”) at the follow-up meeting. Besides, at the meeting of the Working Group on Community Conservation, Tree Management and Environmental Protection (“WGCCTMEP”) on 9 December 2021, he also requested WSD to arrange for relevant professionals to visit the service reservoir for providing suggestions on the guided tours through the Secretariat. He enquired about the progress of the arrangement and the channels for making suggestions on the content of the guided tours. Besides, the funded activities of the former WG had not been able to carry out, and he was concerned that the activities might not be able to be completed within this financial year. He enquired if SSPDO would consider cross-year funding arrangement with regard to the actual situation or issue an open invitation for the activities again in the next financial year.

8. Mr Ho Lai-wa responded that the communities were welcomed to provide more information to WSD to facilitate better arrangement. Members of the public or bodies who were not able to join the guided tours could put forth their views through the Commissioner for Heritage’s Office.

9. The Secretary responded that it was noted that the applicant organisation would revise its application. Upon receiving the revised form, SSPDO would further vet it according to the scopes and funding criteria of the “CIP”.

10. Mr Jay LI hoped that WSD would actively invite the professional organisations which had commented on the conservation to visit the service reservoir in order to further seek their views. As for the funding issues, he said that members of the public might not know the funding application forms of the revised “CIP” had already been uploaded onto the department’s website. He then enquired if SSPDO would accept, vet and approve the funding for the funding applications or submissions by working groups or non-governmental organisations submitted through the said channel.

11. Ms Janet NG hoped that the Department would adopt more views from district organisations when formulating long-term conservation proposals and regularly report the progress to the District Council.

12. Mr Ramon YUEN hoped that SSPDO would provide the progress report on the funded activities under the former WG at the next meeting. Besides, he said that the professional bodies still had not been invited to join the guided tours. He hoped that WSD could make arrangement as soon as possible.

13. The Secretary responded that funding applications could be submitted through the said channel if SSPDC or its working groups had reached consensus on worthwhile community involvement activities. SSPDO would further vet and consider them according to the scopes and funding criteria of the “CIP”. She then said that the application of the revised “CIP” mechanism was at an initial stage and time was needed for SSPDO to work out the details. Besides, the Secretariat had relayed the views to WSD after the meeting of WGCCTMEP.

14. Mr HO Lai-wa responded that WSD had noted the views relayed by the Secretariat earlier. He hoped Members would understand that the appointments for the guided tours had been fully booked at the moment and thus guided tours might not be able to be arranged by late February. The Department would try its best to arrange and improve the visit format.

15. The Chairman said that he understood that many people had signed up for the guided tours and hoped that WSD could arrange for the said professionals to visit the service reservoir as far as practicable. He enquired whether the Department would consider organising guided tours in the afternoon as well to accommodate more citizens.

16. Mr Ho Lai-wa said that the Department would actively consider the said suggestion.

17. The Chairman concluded that he hoped the Department would arrange for increasing the number of persons to be allowed in group gatherings exemption as soon as

possible and allocating more time slots for professionals and members of the public to visit the service reservoir once the epidemic situation improved, and provide the relevant information through the Secretariat. Regarding the funding arrangement, Members could submit views and suggestions on funded activities through working groups and the meeting for Government's consideration. However, he was concerned about inadequate discussion.

Agenda Item 3: Reports from Committees under the District Council

(a) Report from the District Facilities and Community Affairs Committee (SSPDC Paper 2/22)

(b) Report from the Environment, Hygiene and Housing Affairs Committee (SSPDC Paper 3/22)

(c) Report from the Planning Development and Transport Affairs Committee (SSPDC Paper 4/22)

18. The meeting noted and endorsed the content of the aforesaid reports.

Agenda Item 4: Any other business

(a) The Hong Kong Design Centre's invitation for the Sham Shui Po District Council to be the supporting organisation of "Design Spectrum" (SSPDC Paper 5/22)

19. The meeting noted and endorsed the content of the above paper.

20. Ms LAU Pui-yuk said that the problems of illegal hawking and street obstruction in the vicinity of Pei Ho Street were serious during the last Lunar New Year ("LNY") period. She was concerned that the crowd might affect the epidemic situation when the LNY was approaching. She thanked relevant departments for conducting joint operation earlier to combat illegal hawking, and hoped that the enforcement action could be strengthened to improve the environmental hygiene in the district.

21. The Chairman hoped that relevant departments would pay attention to the environmental hygiene problems caused by unlicensed hawkers during the LNY period. He also suggested that Member submit papers to the Environment, Hygiene and Housing Affairs Committee for discussion.

Agenda Item 5: Date of next meeting

22. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 8 March 2022 (Tuesday).
23. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:18 a.m.

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