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Minutes of the 1st Meeting of Sham Shui Po District Council (6th Term)
under the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Date: 7 January 2020 (Friday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Mr YEUNG Yuk

Members

Ms CHAU Yuen-man, Eunice

Ms CHOW Wing-heng, Zoé

Mr CHUM Tak-shing

Mr HO Kai-ming, Calvin

Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo

Mr KONG Kwai-sang

Mr LAO Ka-hang, Andy

Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

Mr LAU Wai-chung, Lawrence

Mr LEE Hon-ting, Howard

Mr LEE Man-ho, Leos

Mr LI Chun-hei, Joshua

Mr LI Kwing, Richard

Mr LI Ting-fung, Jay

(Left at 2:32 p.m.)

Mr MAK Wai-ming

Ms NG Mei, Carman

Ms NG Yuet-lan, Janet

Mr SIN Kam-ho, Jeffrey

Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, MH, JP

Mr TSUI Yat-hin, Ronald

Mr WAI Woon-nam

Mr WONG Kit-long

(Left at 9:50 a.m.)

Mr YAN Kai-wing
Mr YUEN Hoi-man, Ramon

In Attendance

Mr LEE Kwok-hung, Damian, JP
Mr LEE Wai-yin, Brett
Miss LUI Hiu-wei, Michelle
Ms CHAN Tsz-yee, Emily
Miss LAU Sze-nga, Vivicia
Ms CHAN Siu-ping, Daphne
Mr TAM Kin-fai, Simon
Ms CHAN Suk-fan, Janet

District Officer (Sham Shui Po)
Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1
Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2
Senior Liaison Officer 1, Sham Shui Po District Office
Senior Liaison Officer 2, Sham Shui Po District Office
Senior Liaison Officer 3, Sham Shui Po District Office
Senior Liaison Officer 4, Sham Shui Po District Office
Liaison Officer In-charge (District Facilities
Management Committee and Lai Chi Kok), Sham Shui
Po District Office

Secretary

Ms HO Kam-ping, Jennifer

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

Opening Remarks

The District Officer welcomed Members to the first meeting of the 6th term Sham Shui Po District Council (“SSPDC”). He congratulated Members on being elected and indicated that the Sham Shui Po District Office (“SSPDO”) and various government departments would continue to work closely with SSPDC to promote the development of Sham Shui Po District (“SSP District”).

2. The District Officer remarked that pursuant to Section 62 of the District Councils Ordinance (“DCO”), he would preside at the meeting in the capacity of District Officer until the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the 6th term SSPDC were elected, following which he would turn the meeting over to the newly-elected Chairman for the remaining agenda items.

Item 1: Election of Chairman of the 6th Term Sham Shun Po District Council (SSPDC Paper 1/20)

3. The District Officer said that the Secretariat had invited Members to nominate Chairman and Vice-chairman of SSPDC (Paper 1/20) by email on 27 December 2019. By the end of the nomination period (i.e. one hour before the commencement of the election meeting), the Secretariat had received one valid nomination form for the office of SSPDC Chairman. Mr YEUNG Yuk was nominated by Mr Joshua LI and the nomination was seconded by Mr Ramon YUEN and Mr Jay LI.

4. Mr YEUNG Yuk accepted the nomination.

5. The District Officer declared that pursuant to the procedures stipulated in Article 5 of Schedule 5 to DCO (Cap. 547), Mr YEUNG Yuk was elected Chairman of the 6th term SSPDC.

Item 2: Election of Vice-chairman of the 6th Term Sham Shun Po District Council (SSPDC Paper 1/20)

6. The District Officer said that by the end of the nomination period (i.e. one hour before the commencement of the election meeting), the Secretariat had received one valid nomination form for the office of SSPDC Vice-chairman. Ms Janet NG was nominated by

Ms Eunice CHAU and the nomination was seconded by Mr MAK Wai-ming and Ms Zoé CHOW.

7. Ms Janet NG accepted the nomination.

8. The District Officer declared that pursuant to the procedures stipulated in Article 5 of Schedule 5 to DCO (Cap. 547), Ms Janet NG was elected Vice-chairman of the 6th term SSPDC. He then invited Chairman and Vice-chairman to deliver a brief note.

9. Mr YEUNG Yuk thanked Members for their support and hoped that they could work closely together in the future. He said that SSPDC had been striving for improvement and hoped that SSPDC could be revolutionised through enhancing public involvement and increasing the transparency of the Council.

10. Ms Janet NG thanked Members for their support. Although there would be challenges ahead, she hoped that she could serve the public together with Members.

[The meeting was adjourned for fifteen minutes and was subsequently chaired by Mr YEUNG Yuk in the capacity of DC Chairman.]

11. The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting. He said that he had received four provisional motions, including Concern over police brutality, Oppose the diversion of police manpower to handle political problems and request that police manpower be concentrated on handling district problems, This Council strongly opposes the pay rise for the Police and Prevent the spread of “Wuhan pneumonia” in the community, and a request for making a verbal statement from Mr Jeffrey SIN. He continued to say that there were urgent needs to handle the said provisional motions and verbal statement and suggested handling them at once. Members had no objection.

12. Mr Jeffrey SIN made the verbal statement, which read as follows:

“I walked past Causeway Bay at night on 1 January and was unfortunately caught up in mass arrests by the Police. At that time, a police officer shouted at me several times with a loudspeaker, ‘Mr SIN, District Council Member of Shek Kip Mei constituency, would you please ask members of the public to step back.’ The police officers were waving their batons and holding canisters of pepper spray when marching forward, threatening the public at the scene. I followed the instruction and appealed to the public to go back to the direction of Wan Chai. However, the exits of MTR Causeway Bay Station had already

been closed. Then the Police rounded up the people without making any announcement. Several hundreds of people then gathered around Exit D2 at Hennessy Road. Given the situation, the crowd still kept clam and was cooperative, patiently waiting for the Police's instruction. During that time, the Police did not allow members of the public to enter or leave the area. The Police also shouted at members of the public, forbade them to use the phones, and instructed them to squat or sit on the ground. Reporters and first aiders were also asked to stay away from the crowd. At around 11:30 p.m., the Police finally announced that members of the public on the pavement were being arrested for illegal assembly. I severely condemn the Police for using the tactics of rounding up, isolating the crowd, and for making indiscriminate arrests in recent months."

13. Mr Andy LAO said that many people had passed away in the movement of opposition to the proposed legislative amendments ("the opposition movement") since June last year. Therefore, he hoped that Members could stand up and observe a moment of silence for a minute.

14. Ms LAU Pui-yuk said that many people had passed away in the opposition movement in the past six months, including an old man named Mr LAW who died from being hit by a brick. Therefore, she supported that the Council should observe a moment of silence for the people who had died, including Mr LAW.

15. The Chairman announced that the Council would observe a moment of silence for a minute.

[All Members observed a moment of silence for a minute.]

16. The Chairman hoped that the Government would respond to the demands raised by the public in the opposition movement.

17. Mr KONG Kwai-sang introduced Provisional Motion 1, which read as follows:

"On the last New Year's Day, the rights of the public to express their views in a peaceful procession had been trampled upon by the Police again, and members of the public ended up being indiscriminately arrested by the Police for no reason. Mr Jeffrey SIN, District Council Member of SSP District, expressed his demands with members of the public in a peaceful demonstration, but they were all unreasonably arrested by the Police. Such practice was unacceptable to the people of Hong Kong and has aroused widespread indignation.

As such, we would like to move a motion as follows:

1. The Sham Shui Po District Council strictly condemns the Police for suppression of freedom and police brutality, including an abrupt cancellation of the New Year's Day procession, ever since the beginning of the "anti-extradition to China" movement;
2. Request for the Commissioner of Police, Mr TANG Ping-keung, the Secretary for Security, Mr LEE Ka-chiu, John, the Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa CHENG, and the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie LAM, to be held accountable for police brutality by stepping down;
3. Request for setting up an "independent commission of inquiry" which has credibility and legal status to investigate the incidents and hold people accountable for police brutality."

18. Ms LAU Pui-yuk raised the following views: (i) the social issue in the past six months had affected the daily lives of members of the public. The Police maintained the law and order to ensure that members of the public could carry on with their daily lives; (ii) it was noted that the Government would set up an independent review committee. She opined that a comprehensive investigation should be conducted on the cause of the incident, the likelihood of foreign interference, the sources of resources and money, and the deep-rooted problems in Hong Kong, etc., instead of investigating the Police alone. Therefore, if DC had any plans to set up a working group on the incident, the investigation should be comprehensive.

19. Ms Janet NG raised the following views: (i) she opined that the Police had made indiscriminate arrests on the New Year's Day; (ii) she opined that the money was donated by members of the public to support the arrestees.

20. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) SSPDC allowed Members to express their views; (ii) he opined that a review committee or the Independent Police Complaints Council would not be able to find the truth; (iii) the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("LOCPG") being replaced was regarded as the Director being held accountable for his performance. The Accountability System had been implemented in Hong Kong for a long time, and he opined that Principal Officials and Officials at the rank of Director of Bureau should be held accountable and step down.

21. Mr Kalvin HO said that Member should support the setting up of an independent commission of inquiry if she wanted to investigate the said issues. He also appealed to Members to support the motion.

22. Mr Leos LEE said that the pan-democracy camp had won 80% of the seats in the election, and the result clearly indicated the intention of voters. He opined that the general public condemned the Police's action.

23. Mr Howard LEE said that he supported the motion and raised the following views: (i) an independent commission of inquiry which had legal status and investigation power should be set up. He appealed to Members to support the motion; (ii) the committee set up by the Government had no authority and could not investigate the incidents since June; (iii) the Government had closed the Cross-Harbour Tunnel for a while and the Mass Transit Railway ("MTR") had also stopped services at 9 p.m. daily for a long period of time, affecting residents' daily lives; (iv) the Police abruptly called off the peaceful procession on the New Year's Day which a letter of no objection had been granted, suppressing the freedom of assembly.

24. Mr Ramon YUEN said that he supported the motion and raised the following views: (i) he could not accept that Mr Jeffrey SIN was arrested unreasonably and questioned that the Police did not maintain the law and order in accordance with the laws; (ii) he opined that only an independent commission of inquiry could restrain the Police; (iii) the Maoming Municipal Government also responded to the demands of citizens in the Mainland. But the Hong Kong Government did not take any action, causing a rift in society.

25. Mr Andy LAO said that the Police fired tear gas rounds and water cannon at streets where no one gathered in Nam Cheong Central and Nam Cheong North constituencies earlier. He opined that such practice was inappropriate.

26. Mr WONG Kit-long raised the following views: (i) at the early stage of the movement, the Police would still allow Members to coordinate at the scenes. However, the Police had no respect for Members since September, and even made arrests. (ii) he could not stand the indiscriminate arrests targeting young people by the Police. Therefore, he supported the motion and hoped that Principal Officers would be held accountable and step down.

27. Ms LAU Pui-yuk raised the following views: (i) she hoped that DC could accept different views. She also had the responsibility to speak for residents in the district; (ii) the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong supported the Government to administer Hong Kong in accordance with the laws, safeguarding "One Country, Two Systems"; (iii) she hoped that Members of the current-term DC could respect each other and discuss different views; (iv) if the independent commission of inquiry would conduct a comprehensive investigation on the incidents that happened in the opposition movement in a fair manner, not just targeting the Police, she was open-minded

towards the setting up of the commission.

28. Mr Jeffrey SIN said that the Police had called off the procession on 1 January because of an isolated incident. The Police also unreasonably asked the public to leave the scene in 45 minutes and offered no assistance to disperse the crowd.

29. Mr Leo HO raised the following views: (i) DC should accept different views; (ii) he supported the stance of Ms LAU Pui-yuk and opined that a comprehensive investigation should be conducted instead of being focused on the investigation of government officials and the Police.

30. Mr Lawrence LAU said that if a commission of inquiry was to set up, an investigation on whether the Central Government and other suspicious individuals had interfered in the movement should be conducted, apart from investigating Hong Kong's government officials.

31. The Chairman asked Members to vote on Provisional Motion 1 moved by Mr KONG Kwai-sang and seconded by Mr CHUM Tak-shing.

32. The meeting voted on Provisional Motion 1 by open ballot and the result was as follows:

For: Mr YEUNG Yuk, Ms Janet NG, Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, 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 WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr Ramon YUEN (22)

Against: (0)

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

33. The Secretary announced the voting result: 22 Members voted for the motion, no Member voted against it and 2 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that Provisional Motion 1 was carried.

34. Mr Jay LI introduced Provisional Motion 2, which read as follows:

“Oppose the diversion of police manpower to handle political problems and request that police manpower be concentrated on handling district problems.

In December 2019, numerous crime cases happened one after another in Sham Shui Po District, with restaurants burglarised late at night, public rental housing residents robbed at knife point in housing estates, and a foot spa shop owner was even sexually assaulted. The frequent occurrence of crime cases has made an impact on the law and order of the community, making residents worried. On the other hand, the illegal parking problems in Sham Shui Po District have worsened in the past few months. Some residents called the Police for help but the Police refused to handle and replied that this was due to ‘unavailability of manpower’. Not only have the problems affected the traffic in the district, but also a car accident was caused as a result, increasing road danger!

The fundamental cause is that the Police only concentrates its manpower on handling the anti-extradition to China movement, neglecting the daily lives of the people in the community. In view of this, we move a motion that: this Committee resolutely opposes the diversion of district police manpower to handle political problems and strongly requests that district police manpower be concentrated on handling district problems including those related to law and order as well as illegal parking.”

35. Mr KONG Kwai-sang supported this motion and said that the illegal parking problems had been very serious in the last six months, causing traffic accidents and inconveniences to the public. He opined that the Police should provide manpower to handle matters related to the people’s daily lives in the community.

36. Mr Jeffrey SIN said that a large amount of police manpower of the district and other districts was used to carry out investigations and guard the arrestees, and the routine district work was therefore neglected. He opined that the Police should arrange for uniformed officers to perform their duties and return to the original manpower deployment.

37. Mr WAI Woon-nam supported the motion and raised the following views: (i) he requested the Police to divert manpower to handle the drug trafficking and illegal parking problems in the district; (ii) he opined that some people disguised as protesters to destroy public property.

38. Mr Ramon YUEN supported the motion and requested the Police to handle the issues related to the people’s daily lives, such as the illegal parking problems, etc.

39. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) departments should make an all-out effort to respond to the community's needs. Three estate management advisory committees in the district strongly requested the Police to handle district problems in their meetings; (ii) Provisional Motion 1 requested that an independent commission of inquiry be established as soon as possible for finding out the truth as well as giving innocent police officers justice, so as to rebuild the mutual trust between the public and law enforcement agencies; (iii) he requested that police manpower be returned to the community to handle district problems.

40. Mr Kalvin HO supported the motion and said that the Police should handle the problems related to law and order, illegal parking, etc. in the district.

41. Ms Zoé CHOW supported the motion and raised the following views: (i) illegal parking occurred in the district and Members requested assistance from the Police, but to no avail. The roads were congested but the Police did not follow up; (ii) the Police should allocate resources reasonably and deploy manpower appropriately.

42. Ms Eunice CHAU said that suspected fraudsters were recently seen in Mei Foo but the Police did not take any action. Therefore, she appealed to Members to support the motion.

43. Ms Janet NG supported the motion and raised the following views: (i) she opined that the Police failed to take law enforcement actions in accordance with the laws and arrested members of the public without reasonable cause; (ii) she witnessed that after a traffic accident, the persons involved needed to get on an ambulance and take photos for record on their own as the Police did not go to the scene to handle the case.

44. Mr CHUM Tak-shing raised the following views: (i) the Police did not handle the law and order problems in the district in the past few months, nor did they arrange for police officers to patrol; (ii) even though members of the public called the report room, no one picked up. However, members of the public found out that there were police officers in the report room but they did not answer the call; (iii) he hoped the Police could truly perform their duties.

45. Mr Ronald TSUI said that in the past when he had assisted the residents in handling dead body found cases, the residents could obtain certification documents from the Police within three months to make after-death arrangements for their family members; however, there was a case at the moment in which documents were still not issued by the Miscellaneous Enquiries Sub-unit of the Police even though nine months had passed. He suspected that the Police neglected the issues related to the people's daily lives.

46. Ms LAU Pui-yuk raised the following views: (i) she agreed that the Police needed to devote more resources into the community to handle the issues related to people's daily lives; (ii) the traffic lights at the junction of Cheung Sha Wan Road and Yen Chow Street were damaged causing traffic problems; (iii) the business solicitation noise problems in Apliu Street were serious but the Police did not handle them. She hoped that DC would be more concerned about the issues related to the people's daily lives and the Police would devote more resources into these issues; (iv) she supported the part of Provisional Motion 2 on the issues related to the people's daily lives and opined that the Police made the manpower deployment in view of current social situation.

47. Ms Carman NG raised the following views: (i) she requested that uniformed officers patrol the district; (ii) with the Chinese New Year approaching, burglary or fraud cases occurred. Illegal parking also occurred in the district. She hoped that the Police would take follow-up actions proactively; (iii) she hoped that the Police could strengthen district collaboration to reduce crime.

48. Mr WONG Kit-long supported this motion and raised the following views: (i) illegal parking occurred in the district but the Police failed to handle it in time; (ii) the Police's image affected the public's willingness to seek help; (iii) he hoped that the Police could divert its manpower back to the district to maintain law and order. He also hoped that the Police would rebuild its image.

49. Mr Joshua LI said that the problems related to law and order as well as illegal parking were serious in the district but the Police did not patrol. He urged all Members to endorse Provisional Motion 2 to let the society and the Police know that DC attached importance to these problems.

50. Mr Richard LI supported this motion and said that guns and bullets had recently been found in the district and he had received a number of complaints about illegal parking after midnight, while the number of robbery cases was on the rise. He hoped that the Police would allocate its manpower appropriately to enforce the law in the district.

51. The Chairman asked Members to vote on Provisional Motion 2 which was moved by Mr Jay LI and seconded by Mr Calvin HO.

52. The meeting voted on Provisional Motion 2 by open ballot and the result was as follows:

For: Mr YEUNG Yuk, Ms Janet NG, Ms Eunice CHAU,
Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO,
Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, 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 WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long,
Mr Ramon YUEN (22)

Against: (0)

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

53. The Secretary announced the voting result: 22 Members voted for it, no Member voted against it and 2 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that Provisional Motion 2 was carried.

54. Mr Leos LEE introduced Provisional Motion 3, which read as follows:

“This Council strongly opposes the pay rise for the Police.

The Legislative Council’s discussions about the pay rise for the Police have sparked a widespread controversy.

The public is dissatisfied with the way the Police enforces the law, many members of the public face out-of-control police officers who cause disturbances and the violent law enforcement actions by the Police make people worried. In view of the above, this Council opposes the pay rise for the Police so as to calm the public’s anger.”

55. Mr Andy LAO added that since the start of the opposition movement, the Police had been receiving excessive overtime allowances and he therefore opposed the pay rise for the Police.

56. Mr WAI Woon-nam said that apart from the pay rise for the Police, he also opposed the granting of overtime allowances.

57. Mr Jeffrey SIN raised the following views and enquiries: (i) Ms LAU Pui-yuk abstained in the earlier votes on the two provisional motions. He enquired about the public opinions she represented; (ii) the traffic lights at the junction of Cheung Sha Wan Road and Yen Chow Street were damaged a long time ago but the Police did not go there to direct the traffic. He opined that it was the Police’s duty to handle local affairs.

58. Mr Jay LI said that since the start of the opposition movement, the Police had

allocated extra resources to pay for the overtime allowances and employ extra staff. However, the figures on illegal parking and the crime rates in the district showed an increase instead. He opined that the resources were not used effectively.

59. Mr Howard LEE supported the provisional motion and raised the following views: (i) the policy bureau concerned refused to have the pay rise for the Police vetted separately and to summon the officials concerned to the meetings. He opined that the approach to handle the issues in a bundle was inappropriate; (ii) police officers wore masks when discharging duties, used force inappropriately, failed to comply with the Police General Orders and went against the professional image of disciplined services. Therefore, he opposed the pay rise for the Police.

60. Ms LAU Pui-yuk raised the following views: (i) members of the public could lodge complaints using the existing mechanism if they were dissatisfied with the conduct of individual police officers; (ii) as the Police tried their best to maintain social order in the course of the opposition movement, they should be granted the pay rise together with other civil servants to show recognition. Therefore, she would vote against the provisional motion.

61. Ms Janet NG said that the Police did not patrol, handle the illegal parking problems or go to the scenes to handle cases, causing crime rates to keep rising. She opined that the Police did not perform their duties properly.

62. Mr Leos LEE raised the following views: (i) he was dissatisfied that the Police failed to handle the illegal parking in the district properly; (ii) a single-block building was burglarised but the police officers at the scene refused to provide information to the Member of the constituency concerned, which was against the idea of police-public collaboration.

63. Mr Ramon YUEN said that the agenda item on the pay rise for the Police should not be bundled with the pay rise for other civil servants, and he agreed with the contents of the provisional motion.

64. The Chairman asked Members to vote on Provisional Motion 3 which was moved by Mr Leos LEE and seconded by Mr Andy LAO.

65. The meeting voted on Provisional Motion 3 by open ballot and the result was as follows:

For: Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing,
Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO,

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 Ronald TSUI,
Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr YEUNG Yuk,
Mr Ramon YUEN (22)

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

Abstain: (0)

66. The Secretary announced the voting result: 22 Members voted for it, 2 Members voted against it and no Member abstained. The Chairman declared that Provisional Motion 3 was carried.

67. Mr Howard LEE introduced Provisional Motion 4, which read as follows:

“Prevent the spread of ‘Wuhan pneumonia’ in the community.

Under the shadow of a major public health crisis, I move to request the relevant departments, including the Department of Health (“DH”), the Hospital Authority (“HA”), the Education Bureau (“EDB”), the Housing Department (“HD”), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”), to:

1. strengthen border quarantine and health screening measures;
2. urge private hospitals to also deploy the mechanism to duly notify DH and isolate infected persons;
3. order the management of Caritas Medical Centre to provide details of its response plan for large scale infectious disease outbreaks (including: chain of command, action plans, patient flow information, deployment of staff and specialists);
4. encourage the implementation of a public place cleaning mode of a level equivalent to the one used to fight against atypical pneumonia in the district;
5. request schools in the district to make the measure of taking temperature before entrance compulsory;

6. fully implement the specific suggestions listed in the reports made by the expert committee of the Government and the committee of inquiry of the Legislative Council after the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (“SARS”); and
7. divert resources and widely invite community organisations to heighten the public’s awareness of prevention of infectious diseases and encourage the prevention of pneumonia in the district.”

68. Ms Eunice CHAU raised the following views: (i) apart from Caritas Medical Centre, Princess Margaret Hospital was also within the district. She hoped that the hospitals concerned could activate a response level in a timely manner and take corresponding measures; (ii) the traffic between Hong Kong and the Mainland was heavy so it was necessary to strengthen the port health quarantine and screening measures.

69. Mr Leo HO agreed with the motion in principle and raised the following views: (i) he suggested that the Government step up publicity and public education, as well as increasing the transparency of the notification of outbreak situations; (ii) he suggested that related government departments including FEHD and HD step up the cleansing of their facilities.

70. Mr Jeffrey SIN raised the following views: (i) most members of the public did not wear a mask and their anti-epidemic awareness was weak; (ii) he suggested stepping up the cleansing and disinfection of public places and providing staff with adequate protective equipment, including masks, gloves and alcoholic hand sanitisers, to safeguard the health of the public and staff.

71. Mr WAI Woon-nam supported the provisional motion and raised the following views: (i) he vividly remembered the outbreak of SARS in 2003 and was grateful for the sacrifices made by the medical practitioners back then in taking care of patients; (ii) he suggested that EDB announce the suspension of classes before an outbreak to reduce the chance of spreading virus; (iii) he suggested that MTR put resources into repairing ticket gates, providing alcoholic hand sanitisers and handing out masks to prevent passengers infecting each other; (iv) he suggested that DC set up an anti-epidemic working group to hand out alcoholic hand sanitisers and masks and to step up publicity and public education.

72. Mr WONG Kit-long raised the following views: (i) the Government adopted a passive attitude towards the collection of information related to “Wuhan pneumonia”, which made the public worry about community hygiene and personal health; (ii) he hoped that relevant government departments and MTR would raise the response level, step up cleaning and provide masks and protective equipment to relevant individuals, so as to

prevent large-scale outbreak. Therefore, he supported the provisional motion above.

73. Mr Ramon YUEN supported the motion in principle and raised the following views: (i) he suggested including Princess Margaret Hospital into the motion as a hospital in the district and adding “include Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent as a statutorily notifiable infectious disease under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance” to the motion; (ii) he agreed that private hospitals should use the mechanism to handle matters and notify public hospitals and DH; (iii) he suggested stepping up the port health quarantine measures and requesting the Mainland to make public the virus genome; (iv) he agreed that working groups could take follow-up actions concerning the prevention of the epidemic and the related publicity and suggested discussing this in detail when having the discussion about the organisation structure of DC.

74. Ms LAU Pui-yuk raised the following views: (i) the outbreak of “Wuhan pneumonia” scared the public and she agreed that government departments should make information public and activate the response mechanism to protect the public’s health; (ii) she suggested that DC step up public education in the district.

75. Mr Leos LEE raised the following views: (i) the outbreak of SARS in 2003 was due to the concealment of epidemic information by the Chinese government and its failure to notify the World Health Organization; (ii) with information being not transparent, DH should carry out its anti-epidemic and gatekeeping work properly to prevent large-scale outbreaks in the community.

76. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) the Government issued a press release on the amendment of the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance but its content was still controversial; (ii) he expected the District Officer to push departments to carry out their anti-epidemic work in the district properly; (iii) he suggested that the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) be added to the group of government departments mentioned in the motion, so as to provide support for the residential care homes for the elderly.

77. Mr Ronald TSUI raised the following views: (i) as government departments did not implement specific prevention and control measures to prevent outbreaks, DC needed to instruct departments to implement relevant measures; (ii) he thanked the frontline staff of HD for stepping up the cleaning of housing estates as per Members’ requests.

78. Mr Howard LEE thanked Members for putting forward their views on the provisional motion and hoped to add details to the motion.

79. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that it was time-consuming to amend a motion and

suggested that the mover refine the content of the motion.

80. Mr Howard LEE read out again Provisional Motion 4, which read as follows:

“Prevent the spread of ‘Wuhan pneumonia’ in the community.

Under the shadow of a major public health crisis, I move to request the relevant departments, including SWD, DH, HA, EDB, HD, LCSD and FEHD, to:

1. strengthen border quarantine and health screening measures;
2. urge private hospitals to also use the mechanism to duly notify DH and isolate infected persons;
3. order hospitals in the district to provide details of their response plans for large scale infectious disease outbreaks (including: chain of command, action plans, patient flow information, deployment of staff and specialists);
4. encourage the implementation of a public place cleaning mode of a level equivalent to the one used to fight against atypical pneumonia in the district;
5. request schools in the district to make the measure of taking temperature before entrance compulsory;
6. fully implement the specific suggestions listed in the reports made by the expert committee of the Government and the committee of inquiry of the Legislative Council after the outbreak of SARS;
7. divert resources and widely invite community organisations to heighten the public’s awareness of prevention of infectious diseases and encourage the prevention of pneumonia in the district; and
8. request the authorities to amend at full speed the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599) to include Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent as a statutorily notifiable infectious disease, with a view to enhancing the monitoring and risk communication.”

81. The Chairman asked Members to vote on Provisional Motion 4 which was moved

by Mr Howard LEE and seconded by Mr Ronald TSUI.

82. The meeting voted on Provisional Motion 4 by open ballot and the result was as follows:

For: Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO, 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, 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 Ramon YUEN (24)

Against: (0)

Abstain: (0)

83. The Chairman declared that Provisional Motion 4 was carried unanimously.

84. The Chairman raised the following views: (i) DC organised public education activities as well as distribution of protective equipment in respect of atypical pneumonia before; (ii) he believed that in this financial year, DC would have a surplus, which could be used to organise similar activities. Also, he suggested considering how to follow up when having the discussion about the organisation structure of DC later.

85. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) he expected that in the discussion about DC funding applications later, some of the activities would not be approved. Therefore, he opined that it was feasible to divert some resources to organise anti-epidemic activities; (ii) to speed up the process of activity organisation and vetting, he suggested passing the activities to the working groups directly under DC for follow-up so that the activities could be held smoothly in February; (iii) he suggested submitting the first three provisional motions to the Chief Executive's Office for information.

86. The Chairman said that subject to the consent of the Members present at the meeting, the provisional motions would be submitted to the Chief Executive's Office.

87. The Members present at the meeting noted the above arrangement.

Item 3: Any Other Business

(a) Appointment of Secretary of Sham Shui Po District Council

88. The Chairman said that the duties of the Secretariat included preparation of meeting agendas, submission of discussion papers to departments, preparation of meeting minutes and attendance records of Members, etc.

89. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired whether Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of SSPDO was appointed in accordance with the ordinance.

90. The District Officer responded that DC Secretary was appointed in accordance with DCO Section 69(1).

91. Mr Ramon YUEN said that he agreed with the said arrangement due to administrative consideration. However, he suggested an independent DC Secretariat be set up in the future.

92. The Chairman hoped that the Secretariat could support the work of DC, and announced that the appointment of the substantive Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of SSPDO, or the officer acting the post, as the Secretary was endorsed.

(b) Sham Shun Po District Council Standing Orders

93. The Secretary said that if the technical and administrative amendments to the Sham Shun Po District Council Standing Orders (“Standing Orders”) were accepted, they would be applied to the current-term DC. She then briefly introduced the amendments as follows:

- (i) the definition of “simple majority vote” was added in Order 1(7) of the Standing Orders;
- (ii) a section on “Personal Particulars” was added in the declaration form on Nominee’s Declaration of Qualification for Appointment of Co-opted Members of Committees under the District Council (Annex to Appendix III) so that co-opted members could choose to provide personal particulars;
- (iii) apart from Chairmen of Committees, Chairmen of Working Groups should declare interests when necessary. Besides, all cases of declaration of interests should state the nature of interest declared, Chairman’s decision and the rationale behind the decision as appropriate;

- (iv) a disclaimer was added in the Guidelines on Registration of Personal Interests and other declarable interests were briefly introduced;
- (v) meetings of committees and working groups would be open to the public and the handling of observers who misbehaved during the conduct of meetings was suggested.

94. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that he did not object in principle to the said proposed amendments, and raised three proposed amendments as follows: (i) it was suggested that Order 13(2) be revised as, “Subject to the consent of more than half of the Members of the Council present at the meeting, the Chairman shall at the commencement or in the course of meeting approve the inclusion of an item in the agenda or adjustment in the order of business on the agenda.”, in order to eliminate the grey areas; (ii) it was suggested that a new Order 17(2) be added, “Subject to the consent of more than half of the Members of the Council present at the meeting, the Chairman shall approve the discussion of the provisional motions moved by Members present at the meeting.”; (iii) to avoid Members not being able to join the committee again after being absent from three consecutive meetings due to execution of other duties, he suggested that the third to fifth sentences of Order 33(12) be revised as, “Member should inform the DC Secretariat in writing no less than three working days prior to the committee meeting if he wishes to join the committee again.”

95. Mr Ramon YUEN suggested that “the tenure of a committee shall not exceed two years” be added to Order 33(6). He enquired whether the proposed amendments to the nomination and appointment of co-opted members would be handled then.

96. The Secretary responded that it would depend on the content of the proposed amendments.

97. Mr Ramon YUEN raised the following views: (i) the society was very concerned about the co-opted member system, including the controversy over the voting rights and political rewards, etc. He hoped that the Council would respond to the demands of the society; (ii) to avoid the controversy over the voting rights, he suggested the co-opted member system be abolished and be replaced by the appointment of district consultants; (iii) he suggested that restrictions on the eligibility to be nominated as co-opted members be imposed, for instance the requirement of the nominee being a professional and no appointment of the unsuccessful candidates of the current-term DC Election, etc.

98. Ms Janet NG raised the following views: (i) co-opted members could provide a platform for people aspiring to a political career to participate in political affairs. If the Council agreed to retain the said system, it should ask the Government to abolish the

voting rights of co-opted members by revising the ordinance; (ii) she suggested a review be conducted on the voting rights of members from the non-governmental organisations in the working groups; (iii) people were welcomed to provide professional advice to DC in the capacity of co-opted members or consultants.

99. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that Members should discuss the proposed amendments under the agenda item of “the number of co-opted members and nomination procedures”. He also enquired whether the information on co-opted members in the annex of the Standing Orders was required by the law.

100. The Secretary responded that the eligibility to be nominated as a co-opted member in the appendix of the Standing Orders was required by the law. She pointed out that the proposed amendments to the eligibility to be nominated did not contravene the relevant ordinance.

101. The Chairman said that the proposed amendments to the appointment of co-opted members in the Standing Orders should be discussed when the meeting proceeded to the said agenda item.

102. Mr Lawrence LAU agreed with the said Members’ proposed amendments, and suggested Order 17(1) be revised as, “Any member who wishes to move a motion is required to give the Secretary ten clear working days’ notice in advance of a forthcoming meeting unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, or the Chairman acted in accordance with Order 17(2)”, so as to avoid contradiction among Orders.

103. Mr Jeffrey SIN suggested correcting the typo of “决” in Order 36(1).

104. The Chairman concluded that the proposed amendments to Orders 13(2), 17(1) and (2), 33(12), 33(6), 36(1) and those suggested by the Secretariat were endorsed as Members had no objection.

(c) Organisation structure of the 6th Term Sham Shui Po District Council

105. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received Mr Ramon YUEN’s proposal on the revised organisation structure of DC before the meeting.

106. Mr Ramon YUEN briefly introduced the proposed amendments as follows: (i) the Transport Affairs Committee to be renamed as Planning Development and Transport Affairs Committee (“PTAC”); (ii) the Working Group on Festive Celebration and Publicity to be renamed as Working Group on District Publicity (“WGDP”); (iii) the Working Group

on Healthy and Safe Community (“WGHSC”) to be renamed as Working Group on Primary Healthcare and Health (“WGPHH”); (iv) new working groups to be set up, i.e. Working Group on Pang Tsai and Fashion Base (“WGPTFB”) and Working Group on the Movement of Opposition to the Proposed Legislative Amendments (“WGMOPLA”).

107. The Chairman asked Members to express their views on the said proposed amendments.

108. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the name of WGPHH might lead to a misunderstanding that the working group only focused on the grassroots, while the name of WGHSC had a wider coverage. He suggested keeping the original name.

109. Mr Lawrence LAU suggested WGMOPLA be renamed as “Concern” or “Follow-up” Group on the Movement of Opposition to the Proposed Legislative Amendments. He then briefly introduced the terms of reference as follows: (i) to monitor the Government and the behaviour of the Police while enforcing laws in the district; (ii) to send DC Members to monitor the Police’s action at the scene when processions and demonstrations were held in the district; (iii) to set up a platform for compiling and recording the demonstrations in the district; (iv) to collect the community’s evidence of police brutality in the district and invite residents to testify; (v) to follow up on the physical and psychological status of residents since the beginning of the movement.

110. Ms LAU Pui-yuk raised the following views: (i) she was open-minded towards the setting up of WGMOPLA, but the terms of reference should be more comprehensive; (ii) she hoped that the working group could focus on different aspects of the cause of the movement, sources of money and supplies, impact on shop owners and residents holding different political views, instead of focusing on the law enforcement action taken by the Police.

111. Ms Janet NG hoped that the working group would focus on the organisations participating in the movement and the number of casualties during the course of the movement.

112. Mr Jeffrey SIN said that poverty and ethnic minorities were two big issues. The Working Group on Poverty Problems and Ethnic Minorities (“WGPPEM”) should be split into two working groups.

113. Mr Ramon YUEN raised the following views: (i) primary care meant preventive care and self-health management, not medical services provided to the grassroots; (ii) he hoped that the working group would focus on primary healthcare and continue to follow up on works related to the safe community.

114. Mr WAI Woon-nam said that Pang Tsai might be renamed as fabric market in the future, the working group's name might affect its terms of reference.

115. Mr Joshua LI raised the following views: (i) he agreed that WGHSC be renamed, and WGMOPLA be renamed as "Concern" or "Follow-up" Group on the Movement of Opposition to the Proposed Legislative Amendments; (ii) he suggested Members joining WGMOPLA for discussion.

116. Mr Kalvin HO raised the following views: (i) he opined that WGHSC could still discuss primary healthcare without changing its name. He also pointed out that Members should focus on various medical services provided in the district, not just on primary healthcare; (ii) WGMOPLA could follow up on matters of concern to Members.

117. Mr MAK Wai-ming said that the name of WGPPEM might label the ethnic minorities as a poor ethnic group. He suggested renaming or splitting it.

118. Ms Janet NG agreed that the name of WGPPEM might have a labelling effect. She suggested renaming it, not splitting it.

119. Mr Ramon YUEN suggested that the Council endorse the organisation structure first, and the names and terms of reference could be endorsed at the meetings of working groups.

120. The Chairman said that as the names and terms of reference of working groups directly under DC had to be endorsed by Members at DC Full Council meeting, he suggested handling the matters at this meeting in one go.

121. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) having the wordings "poverty problems" in the name of the working group could reflect that DC would follow up on the issue in a serious manner. The newly established Working Group on Ethnic Minorities could focus on the relevant issue and avoid the labelling problem; (ii) the word "healthy" had a wider meaning, and would bring out the concept of building a healthy community. He suggested keeping the name of WGHSC.

122. Ms LAU Pui-yuk raised the following views: (i) she opined that the name of WGPPEM reflected the concern of the working group; (ii) the Council should tolerate different views as DC Members spoke for residents of the constituencies; (iii) she reiterated that she was open-minded towards the setting up of WGMOPLA, but the terms of reference should be more comprehensive.

123. Mr Lawrence LAU raised the following views: (i) he suggested WGPHE be

renamed as Working Group on Basic Healthcare and Health; (ii) DCO did not authorise DC to summon representatives of government departments to testify at meetings. Therefore, the terms of reference of WGMOPLA should not include the investigation of incidents.

124. The Chairman announced that the meeting would be adjourned for ten minutes.

[The meeting was adjourned for ten minutes.]

125. The Chairman announced that the meeting was resumed.

126. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu suggested handling those working groups without any controversy first, the Council could cast a vote on the remaining working groups later.

127. Ms Zoé CHOW said that after making reference to the terms of reference of the last-term Transport Affairs Committee, the proposed terms of reference of PTAC were as follows: (i) to advise on the issues relating to the planning, future development of the community and transport matters of Sham Shui Po, including the accessibility of the community and population capacity, provision and improvement of transportation infrastructures, road safety, transport facilities and services; (ii) to consult the views of local residents on the planning, development and transport affairs in the district.

128. Mr Leos LEE suggested renaming WGPTFB as Working Group on Fabric Market and Fashion Base.

129. Mr TAM Kwok-kok said that naming the working group after Pang Tsai could reflect the focus of the working group.

130. Mr WAI Woon-nam suggested keeping the name of WGPTFB, but the terms of reference should include the concern over the development of fabric market.

131. The Chairman announced that the working group was named as Working Group on Pang Tsai and Fashion Base.

132. Ms Janet NG said that if an element of community involvement was added to WGDP, its name should have relevant wordings.

133. The Chairman announced that WGDP was renamed as Working Group on Community Involvement and District Publicity (“WGCIDP”), and an element of community involvement would be added for increasing the transparency of the Council and the degree of citizen participation.

134. Mr Lawrence LAU suggested renaming WGMOPLA as Concern Group on the Movement of Opposition to the Proposed Legislative Amendments.

135. The Chairman announced that WGMOPLA was renamed as Concern Group on the Movement of Opposition to the Proposed Legislative Amendments (“CGMOPLA”).

136. Ms LAU Pui-yuk said that if the terms of reference of the said concern group only targeted at the Police, she would oppose the setting up of the concern group.

137. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) using the wordings “poverty problems” to name a working group would let the public know its focus clearly; (ii) he suggested setting up a new working group on ethnic minorities in order to address the racial labelling problem.

138. Ms Janet NG raised the following views: (i) using the wordings “poverty problems” to name a working group might discourage people from participating in relevant activities; (ii) the activities organised by the said working group could promote social integration, not for poverty alleviation.

139. Ms Carman NG suggested renaming WGPPEM as Working Group on Social Integration.

140. Ms LAU Pui-yuk suggested renaming WGPPEM as Working Group on Poverty Problems and Social Integration.

141. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the name of the working group.

142. The meeting voted by open ballot and the result was as follows:

Working Group on Poverty Problems and Ethnic Minorities (“WGPPEM”) :	Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Richard LI, Mr Jay LI, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr YEUNG Yuk (11)
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Working Group on Social Integration (“WGSPI”):	Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Carman NG, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr Ramon YUEN (11)
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Working Group Ms LAU Puk-yuk, Mr Leo HO (2)
on Poverty
Problems and
Social Integration
("WGPPSI"):

143. The Secretary announced the voting result: 11 Members voted for WGPPEM, 11 Members voted for WGSi and 2 Members voted for WGPPSI.

144. The Chairman said that according to the Standing Orders, the Chairman could have a casting vote when the votes for and against the issue were equal. He voted for WGPPEM.

145. Ms Janet NG said that as the highest number of votes for the two choices was the same, she suggested conducting a second round voting.

146. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu suggested that the Chairman cast a casting vote in accordance with the Standing Orders, or consult the Council on whether to conduct a second round of voting.

147. The Chairman raised the following views: (i) the role of DC Chairman was to host a meeting, not for enjoying special privilege; (ii) he asked Members to conduct a second round of voting for the two choices receiving the highest number of votes.

148. The meeting voted by open ballot and the result was as follows:

Working Group on Poverty Problems and Ethnic Minorities ("WGPPEM") :	Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Richard LI, Mr Jay LI, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr YEUNG Yuk (11)
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Working Group on Social Integration ("WGSi"):	Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Carman NG, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr Ramon YUEN (11)
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Abstain:	Ms LAU Puk-yuk, Mr Leo HO (2)
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149. The Secretary announced the voting result: 11 Members voted for WGPPEM, 11 Members voted for WGSi and 2 Members abstained.

150. The Chairman said that as the number of votes for the two choices in the second round of voting was the same, the Chairman would cast a casting vote in accordance with the Standing Orders. The Chairman voted for WGPPEM and announced that the working group was named as Working Group on Poverty Problems and Ethnic Minorities.

151. Mr Ramon YUEN said that he would rename WGPHE as Working Group on Basic Healthcare and Health after considering Member's suggestion.

152. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the terms of reference of WGPHE might overlap with those of the Community Affairs Committee. He suggested keeping the name of WGHSC so that the coverage of the terms of reference would be wider.

153. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the name of the working group.

154. The meeting voted by open ballot and the result was as follows:

Working Group on Healthy and Safe Community ("WGHSC")	Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO, Mr Leo HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Richard LI, Mr Jay LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr YEUNG Yuk (14)
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Working Group on Basic Healthcare and Health ("WGBHH")	Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Ms Carman NG, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr Ramon YUEN (10)
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155. The Secretary announced the voting result: 14 Members voted for WGHSC, 10 Members voted for WGBHH and no Member abstained.

156. The Chairman announced that the working group was named as Working Group on Healthy and Safe Community.

157. The Chairman announced that the organisation structure of the new-term DC was endorsed.

(d) The number of co-opted members of the Committees and nomination procedures

158. The Chairman said that DCO had stated that co-opted members had voting rights and abolition of such rights required amendment to the ordinance.

159. Mr Ramon YUEN said that the abolition of appointment of co-opted members and replaced by the appointment of consultants, or the imposition of restrictions on the eligibility to be nominated as co-opted members could be considered for handling the voting rights of co-opted members.

160. Ms LAU Pui-puk raised the following views: (i) co-opted members were nominated by DC Members and did not have public's mandate. It was contrary to DC which was a publicly elected body. Therefore, she supported the abolition of appointment of co-opted members; (ii) if co-opted members were retained, she suggested forbidding candidates who had run for the current-term DC election to become co-opted members, which was consistent with the practice that bodies which had political affiliation with the candidates of the last-term DC Members could not apply for DC funds.

161. Mr Kalvin HO raised the following views: (i) it was hard to replace co-opted members by consultants as the appointment process was complicated; (ii) he opposed the abolition of appointment of co-opted members and stressed that elected DC Members had the rights to appoint co-opted members. The Council should consider the way to improve the transparency of the mechanism and enhance the electorate base.

162. Ms Zoé CHOW raised the following views: (i) co-opted members were not elected and had relatively low recognition. She suggested the Government revise the relevant ordinance and restrict the voting rights of co-opted members; (ii) she suggested appointing consultants in order to prevent the appointment system of co-opted members from being used as political rewards.

163. Mr Leos LEE said that the ordinance had stated that co-opted members had voting rights and could participate in the decision making of community affairs. He stressed that co-opted members were not elected and had no electorate base. Therefore, he opposed retaining the appointment system of co-opted members.

164. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) the aim of appointing co-opted members was to let stakeholders in the community express their views and stances on district affairs. It was unreasonable to abolish their voting rights; (ii) co-opted members could be replaced upon completion of their tenure. Therefore, the Council could decide whether to keep them in accordance with their performance; (iii) the appointment of professionals as co-opted members could facilitate the handling of district affairs; (iv) restrictions could be imposed on the eligibility to be nominated in order to prevent the appointment of co-opted members from being offered as political rewards. For example,

the appointment of staff from the Offices of DC Members and candidates who had run for the last-term DC election should be forbidden.

165. Mr WONG Kit-long raised the following views: (i) co-opted members did not have public's mandate. He suggested requesting the Government to abolish their voting rights; (ii) he suggested suspending the appointment of co-opted members and considering the implementation of a consultant system.

166. Mr Lawrence LAU said that he was not concerned about political rewards being offered to the pro-democracy camp. He pointed out that DC Members should fully exercise their statutory power to appoint co-opted members for promoting community involvement.

167. The Chairman suggested that decision be made on whether to retain the appointment of co-opted members first and then discussion be held on whether to revise the eligibility to be nominated as co-opted members.

168. Ms Janet NG said that being appointed as co-opted members provided a platform for people aspiring to a political career to promote community development. Therefore, she agreed with retaining the appointment of co-opted members and opined that discussion should be focused on whether they should have voting rights.

169. Ms LAU Pui-yuk said that co-opted members were nominated by DC Members, such practice was inconsistent with the electorate base of DC. Thus, she agreed with abolishing the appointment of co-opted members.

170. Mr WAI Woon-nam said that co-opted members had offered views on various community issues at meetings in the past, promoting district development.

171. The Chairman asked Members to vote on retaining the appointment system of co-opted members.

172. The meeting voted by open ballot and the result was as follows:

For : Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO,
Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU,
Mr Howard 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 YEUNG Yuk (18)

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

Abstain : Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr Leos LEE, Mr WONG Kit-long,
Mr Ramon YUEN (4)

173. The Secretary announced the voting result: 18 Members voted for it, 2 Members voted against it and 4 Members abstained.

174. The Chairman announced that the appointment system of co-opted members be retained.

175. Mr Ramon YUEN enquired whether the eligibility to be nominated as co-opted members would be revised.

176. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu suggested forbidding the registered staff of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") and DC Members, and candidates who had run for the current-term DC election to be nominated as co-opted members.

177. Mr CHUM Tak-shing enquired whether each DC Member should nominate one co-opted member.

178. Ms Janet NG said that forbidding unsuccessful candidates of the DC election to be nominated as co-opted members would obstruct people from participating in community affairs. She stressed that the Council should consider imposing restrictions on the voting rights of co-opted members.

179. Mr Lawrence LAU enquired whether it should be amended that the staff of the LegCo and DC Members' offices were forbidden from being nominated as co-opted members.

180. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu agreed with the said amendment.

181. Ms Janet NG said that some staff from the DC Members' offices were passionate about serving the community. It would be unfair to them if they were forbidden from being nominated as co-opted members simply because co-opted members had influence on the decision making of the Council.

182. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that DC should review the system in response to the

public concern over the appointment system of co-opted members, and consider imposing restrictions on the eligibility to be nominated.

183. The Chairman asked Members to vote on whether to adopt the original nomination procedures for co-opted members or to impose restrictions on the eligibility to be nominated as co-opted members (the staff of the LegCo and DC Members' offices, and candidates who had run for 2019 DC Election were forbidden from being nominated).

184. The meeting voted by open ballot and the result was as follows:

Adopting the original nomination procedures for co-opted members:	Mr Joshua LI, Ms Janet NG (2)
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Imposing restrictions on the eligibility to be nominated as co-opted members:	Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Richard LI, Mr Jay LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Carman NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr YEUNG Yuk, Mr Ramon YUEN (20)
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Abstain:	Mr Leo HO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk (2)
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185. The Secretary announced the voting result: 2 Members voted for adopting the original nomination procedures for co-opted members, 20 Members voted for imposing restrictions on the eligibility to be nominated as co-opted members and 2 Members abstained.

186. The Chairman announced that restrictions would be imposed on the eligibility to be nominated as co-opted members and that the staff of the LegCo and DC Members' offices, and candidates who had run for 2019 DC Election would be forbidden from being nominated as co-opted members.

187. The Chairman continued to ask Members to propose the number of co-opted members for each committee.

188. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the number of co-opted members should be

proportional to the total number of members of each committee.

189. The Chairman said that if Members had no other views, the number of co-opted members would be determined by the said method. He then asked Members to fill in the reply slips for joining the committees in order to confirm the total number of members of each committee.

190. Ms LAU Pui-yuk asked whether the organisation structure of the 6th term SSPDC had been endorsed just then, and requested the Council to cast a vote on whether to set up CGMOPLA.

191. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) during the discussion of the organisation structure of the 6th term SSPDC earlier, Members' attention was focused on discussing the names of working groups. Since no member requested to endorse the organisation structure by voting, he opined that the Council had reached a consensus on it; (ii) a Member's opposition to the setting up of CGMOPLA was noted.

192. Ms LAU Pui-yuk said that the Chairman did not ask Members to endorse the organisation structure of the 6th term SSPDC by voting.

193. The Chairman said that the Council had endorsed the organisation structure of the 6th term SSPDC earlier, and a Member's opposition to the setting up of CGMOPLA was noted.

(e) Tentative timetable of meetings in 2020 (SSPDC Paper 6/20)

194. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had sent the tentative timetable of meetings in 2020 to Members for consideration. Members were asked to endorse it.

195. Ms LAU Pui-yuk said that she could not attend the first meeting of various committees on 14 January 2020 due to a prior engagement. She enquired whether the meeting could be rescheduled.

196. The Chairman responded that Ms LAU Pui-yuk's situation was noted. However, some Members would like to convene the first meeting of various committees as soon as possible. Some Members also indicated that they would not be able to attend the meeting if it was rescheduled. Therefore, he suggested that the meeting be held as scheduled.

197. Ms Zoé CHOW suggested that the Secretariat remind Members of the deadline for submitting papers before each meeting.

198. The Chairman agreed with the suggestion and asked the Secretariat to remind Members of the deadline for submitting papers.

199. The Chairman announced that the timetable of meetings in 2020 was endorsed.

(f) Applications for Sham Shui Po District Council funds (SSPDC Paper 7/20)

200. The Chairman introduced Paper 7/20 and reminded Members to declare interests in accordance with the Standing Orders. If a Member disclosed an interest, the Chairman had to decide whether he should speak or vote, should remain in the meeting as an observer, or should withdraw from the meeting.

Application No: 190313 – 190315, 190318, 190319, 190325 – 190333, and 190336

201. Mr Howard LEE declared interests, stating that he was the Honorary Chief Executive of Un Chau Estate Residents Service Centre (Application No: 190313). The Chairman ruled that as there were substantive duties in the position, the Member concerned could not participate in the discussion and voting, he needed to withdraw from the meeting.

202. Mr WAI Woon-nam declared interests, stating that he was the Honorary Chief Executive of Sham Shui Po Nam Cheong Estate Residents Association (Application No: 190314). The Chairman ruled that as there were substantive duties in the position, the Member concerned could not participate in the discussion and voting, he needed to withdraw from the meeting.

203. Since no Member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the funding applications of Application No. 190313 to 190315, 190318, 190319, 190325 to 190333, and 190336 were endorsed unanimously by the Members present at the meeting.

Application No: 190342

204. The Chairman said that he had reservation on the approach of using DC funds to subsidise Members to join the race.

205. Ms Janet NG opined that there was no problem with this approach. However, she opposed the organisation of the activity jointly by the Working Group on Festive Celebration and Publicity (“WGFCP”) and May Ching United Sport and Recreation Association Limited (“MCUSRAL”). She suggested Members pay the entry fee at their own expenses.

206. Mr WAI Woon-nam said that since the open enrolment had already been closed, Members might not be able to participate if they did not join it in the name of DC.

207. Ms Carman NG opined that the approach of DC forming a team to join the race was viable, as this could also solve the problem that the enrolment on individual basis had already been closed.

208. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu opined that there was no major problem with the funding application concerned. The modality of participation in the coming year could be discussed afterwards.

209. Mr Kalvin HO added that the last-term WGFCP had endorsed the subsidisation of the entry fee, sportswear, cooling towels, training equipment and certificates of appreciation of the activity.

210. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190342 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

For: Mr Kalvin HO, Mr Leo HO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr Lawrence LAU,
Mr Richard LI, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr WAI Woon-nam (7)

Against: Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing,
Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Howard LEE,
Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Jay LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming,
Ms Carman NG, Mr YEUNG Yuk, Mr Ramon YUEN (13)

Abstain: Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WONG Kit-long (3)

211. The Secretary announced the voting result: 7 Members voted for it, 13 Members voted against it and 3 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190342 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190357 and 190358

212. Ms Janet NG said that in the past, some activities had been organised in Mei Foo, yet residents of Mei Foo were not the target group of the project; she hoped that the organiser would pay attention to that.

213. Since no Member voted against the application or abstained from voting, the Chairman declared that the funding applications of Application No. 190357 and 190358

were endorsed unanimously by the Members present at the meeting.

Application No: 190371

214. Ms Janet NG said that the amount of funding application for the activity was \$450,000; she doubted the use of the funding.

215. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the activity should not be organised jointly by the Working Group on Private Premises and Urban Revitalisation (“WGPPUR”), thus he had reservation on the funding application concerned.

216. Ms LAU Pui-yuk said that in the past, the activity concerned had provided entertainment to the grassroots in the district during the Chinese New Year and helped boost the local economy. Besides, the organiser was also good at organising similar activities, thus she hoped that Members would support the funding application concerned.

217. Mr Leos LEE said that many members of the public opposed the organisation of DC activities by the pro-establishment organisations. The applicant organisation of the funding application was a pro-establishment organisation, he requested Members to pay attention to that.

218. Mr MAK Wai-ming said that the activity did not match the terms of reference of WGPPUR, thus he did not support organising the activity concerned.

219. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190371 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

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

Against: Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Richard LI, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Jay LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Carman NG, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr YEUNG Yuk, Mr Ramon YUEN (21)

Abstain: (0)

220. The Secretary announced the voting result: 2 Members voted for it, 21 Members

voted against it and no Member abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190371 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190298

221. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for Sham Shui Po Sports Association Limited to organise the “Sports Carnival for the Elderly in Sham Shui Po District” (深水埗區長者體育嘉年華) (Application No: 190298) and the amount was \$74,986.

222. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190298 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

For: Mr Leo HO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu,
Mr WAI Woon-nam (4)

Against: Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr KONG Kwai-sang,
Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Leos LEE,
Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard LI, Mr Jay LI, Ms Janet NG,
Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr Ramon YUEN (13)

Abstain: Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr Calvin HO, Mr Howard LEE,
Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Carman NG, Mr YEUNG Yuk (6)

223. The Secretary announced the voting result: 4 Members voted for it, 13 Members voted against it and 6 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190298 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190299

224. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for Sham Shui Po District Fire Safety Committee (“FSC”) and SSPDO to organise the “Sham Shui Po District Fire Safety Seminar” (Application No: 190299) and the amount was \$8,000.

225. Mr Calvin HO said that members of FSC were appointed members and were not formed by DC Members, thus he had reservation on the funding application concerned.

226. Ms LAU Pui-yuk declared that she was a member of FSC.

227. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the mechanism on declaration of interests aimed to

handle the personal interests of Members. Since FSC was a committee under the government structure, the last-term DC considered that it was not necessary to handle this kind of declaration of interests.

228. The Chairman ruled that Ms LAU Pui-yuk could continue to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting.

229. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190299 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

For: Mr Leo HO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr Jay LI, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu,
Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr YEUNG Yuk, Mr Ramon YUEN (7)

Against: Mr Calvin HO (1)

Abstain: Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr KONG Kwai-sang,
Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Leos LEE,
Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Carman NG,
Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr WONG Kit-long (14)

230. The Secretary announced the voting result: 7 Members voted for it, 1 Member voted against it and 14 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190299 was endorsed.

Application No: 190300

231. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for FSC and SSPDO to organise the “Progress Report of Sham Shui Po District Fire Safety Committee” (Application No: 190300) and the amount was \$11,000.

232. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190300 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

For: Mr Leo HO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu (3)

Against: Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Ramon YUEN (3)

Abstain: Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Andy LAO,
Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI,
Mr Richard LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN,

Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long,
Mr YEUNG Yuk (15)

233. The Secretary announced the voting result: 3 Members voted for it, 3 Members voted against it and 15 Members abstained.

234. Mr Ramon YUEN raised the following views: (i) he supported the fire safety seminar as the activity could promote public education; (ii) the progress report would be mainly for use by FSC. The application was inappropriate with limited effectiveness, thus he voted against it; (iii) he hoped that Members could reconsider the matter and requested the meeting to consider revote.

235. Mr Leos LEE supported the conduct of a revote.

236. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) this situation was different from the earlier situation of revote. Members should attach importance to principles and should not set a precedent rashly; (ii) the Chairman was empowered by the Standing Orders to decide how to handle the situation, he suggested Members respect the decision of the Chairman.

237. The Chairman raised the following views: (i) it was believed that Members casted their votes after thorough consideration and they would not easily change their mind, thus he did not tend to conduct a revote; (ii) according to the Standing Orders, since the votes for and against the application were equal, he should have a casting vote. Since it was not a must to use DC funds to produce progress reports, he voted against the application and declared that the funding application of Application No. 190300 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190301

238. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for Sham Shui Po Industry & Commerce Liaison Committee, Cheungshawan Kaifong Welfare Association Limited and SSPDO to organise the “Subject Talk on the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area” (『粵港澳大灣區發展』專題講座) (Application No: 190301) and the amount was \$15,000.

239. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190301 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

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

Against: Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard 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 Ramon YUEN (20)

Abstain: (0)

240. The Secretary announced the voting result: 2 Members voted for it, 20 Members voted against it and no Member abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190301 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190302

241. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for Sham Shui Po School Liaison Committee (“SLC”) and SSPDO to organise the “Subject Talk for Teaching Staff in Sham Shui Po 2019-2020” (2019-2020年度深水埗教職員專題講座) (Application No: 190302) and the amount was \$4,580.

242. Mr Ramon YUEN enquired about the theme of the subject talk.

243. Miss CHIN Wai-sheung, Doris responded that: (i) in general, this kind of subject talk was a platform for teachers to exchange views and share experience, aiming to facilitate the professional development of teachers; (ii) the theme of the talk concerned had yet to be confirmed.

244. Mr Ramon YUEN said that it was acceptable to use subject talks as a platform for teachers to exchange experience, yet national education should not be used as the theme of the talk.

245. Ms Carman NG said that there was no DC Member in SLC currently, she hoped that SSPDO could consider appointing DC Members to join the committee and she also intended to join it.

246. The District Officer responded that: (i) SLC aimed to facilitate exchange among schools in the district and improve the well-being of students. As it had little involvement in the Council, all members were the principals or teachers of schools in the district; (ii) SSPDO did not oppose the appointment of representatives of the Council or local parties to join SLC initially, it would further consider the matter and discuss with

SLC.

247. Ms Janet NG said that she had worked as a teacher and participated in school-related organisations, she believed that she was able to carry out the duties of a member of SLC.

248. Mr MAK Wai-ming raised the following views: (i) the activities of SLC were organised by using DC funds, thus its members should include the current-term DC Members; (ii) SLC lacked representatives of the parents; (iii) he hoped that SSPDO could review the ratio of SLC members.

249. The Chairman requested SSPDO to take note of members' views and consider appointing DC Members to take up the posts of SLC members.

250. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190302 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

For: Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Leo HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard LI, 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 (16)

Against: (0)

Abstain: Mr Calvin HO, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Leos LEE, Mr MAK Wai-ming (6)

251. The Secretary announced the voting result: 16 Members voted for it, no Member voted against it and 6 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190302 was endorsed.

Application No: 190303

252. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for SLC and SSPDO to organise the "Talk on Skills for English Language of Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination in Sham Shui Po 2019-2020" (2019-2020年度深水埗中學文憑試英語科應試技巧講座) (Application No: 190303) and the amount was \$8,200.

253. Ms Janet NG was doubtful about the use of DC funds for subsidising examination-related activities.

254. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190303 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

For: Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Leo HO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Carman NG, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr YEUNG Yuk, Mr Ramon YUEN (17)

Against: (0)

Abstain: Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Leos LEE, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN (6)

255. The Secretary announced the voting result: 17 Members voted for it, no Member voted against it and 6 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190303 was endorsed.

Application No: 190305

256. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for Sham Shui Po District Youth Programme Committee (“YPC”) to organise the “Experiential Learning Workshop in Disneyland (迪士尼體驗活動工作坊) (To be confirmed)” (Application No: 190305) and the amount was \$84,160.

257. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired about the number of participants of the activity.

258. Ms Daphne CHAN responded that the activity would comprise of the secondary school category and the primary school category, with 146 participants in total.

259. Ms Janet NG enquired about the approach of recruiting participants and their entry requirements.

260. Ms Daphne CHAN introduced the details of the activity: (i) the organisation of the activity was proposed by the Youth Festival Working Group under YPC. Letters would be issued to all secondary and primary schools in the district to invite students to participate in the activity; (ii) Hong Kong Disneyland would provide a half-day educational programme. STEM activities would be organised for the primary school

category, activities under the theme of hospitality would be organised for the secondary school category. Students could walk around in Disneyland after the completion of the programme.

261. Mr KONG Kwai-sang enquired about the organisation which was responsible for the coordination work of the activity.

262. Ms Daphne CHAN responded that: (i) the activity was coordinated by the staff of SSPDO, it was neither jointly organised nor co-organised by local organisations; (ii) SSPDO had organised the activity concerned in the past. In view of the positive feedback from schools, YPC wished to continue to organise the activity.

263. Mr Calvin HO said that no DC member had taken up the post of YPC member, he opposed the application of YPC for DC funds.

264. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190305 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

For: Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI (2)

Against: Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr Calvin HO, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Richard LI, Ms Janet NG, Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr Ramon YUEN (9)

Abstain: Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Leo HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr Howard LEE, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Carman NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr YEUNG Yuk (12)

265. The Secretary announced the voting result: 2 Members voted for it, 9 Members voted against it and 12 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190305 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190239

266. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for Sham Shui Po District Central and South Area Committee and SSPDO to organise the “Tour by the Sham Shui Po District Central and South Area District Liaison Team (深水埗中南分區地方聯絡小組『深』度遊) (Tentative)” (Application No: 190239) and the amount was

\$10,989. He then added that with reference to past practice, Members did not need to declare their positions as the ex-officio members of the Area Committees (“ACs”) concerned.

267. Mr Ramon YUEN said that after the establishment of DC, ACs had already completed their missions and should be abolished. Since ACs had the implication of being used as political rewards, he would vote against all funding applications of ACs.

268. Mr Leos LEE said that ACs were unnecessary as DC had already been established; ACs also had the implication of being used as political rewards. He would vote against all funding applications of ACs.

269. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) he did not support using ACs for political rewards; (ii) he hoped that community autonomy could be achieved with DC as the core. However, DC might not be able to handle all local issues and it was necessary to mobilise other parties in the community; (iii) the appointment mechanism of ACs was undesirable, the Council could discuss in details whether to retain or abolish ACs; (iv) he would consider the funding applications of ACs one by one.

270. Ms Zoé CHOW raised the following views: (i) ACs were historical relics and their functions could be replaced by DC; (ii) considering that ACs would arouse the suspicion of political rewards, she would vote against all funding applications of ACs.

271. Mr Joshua LI said that he wished to know more about the details of the activity and the estimated expenditure items in order to consider the funding application.

272. Ms Janet NG raised the following views: (i) Members had the responsibility to monitor the work of ACs; (ii) she noted that most of the activities of ACs were organised by certain organisations. Tickets of the activities were sold at the offices of specific owners’ corporations or estate organisations, district organisations were responsible for handling the matter; this approach was undesirable. Tickets of the relevant activities should be sold at community halls or SSPDO; (iii) it was difficult for Members to monitor the progress of the activities; (iv) she opposed the activities of ACs.

273. Ms LAU Pui-yuk raised the following views: (i) AC members included professionals from different industries and local stakeholders, they could raise other views apart from that of the Council; (ii) committees under SSPDO such as ACs could provide a platform for people who were willing to serve the community. She hoped that Members would adopt the approach of handling the matter of co-opted members when considering whether to retain or abolish ACs.

274. The Chairman said that co-opted members were appointed by elected members while AC members were appointed by the Government, the latter lacked public's mandate. The two matters should not be discussed within the same context.

275. Mr CHUM Tak-shing raised the following views and enquiries: (i) this meeting aimed to discuss whether to subsidise the activities to be organised by ACs instead of whether to retain or abolish them. This matter should be decided by departments such as SSPDO; (ii) the themes of some activities did not match the time when the activities were organised, and it was unnecessary to use DC funds to organise these activities; (iii) he enquired whether the preparation work of the activity pending consideration such as procurement, hiring of venues or ticketing had already commenced and whether DC had to bear the relevant legal risks.

276. The Secretary responded that: (i) although the funding applications being discussed at this meeting had been endorsed by the last-term DC in principle, they still had to be considered by the current-term DC; (ii) relevant applicant organisations noted the above arrangement that they could not apply for reimbursement of expenses incurred before the activity was approved, thus DC did not need to bear legal risks.

277. The Chairman added that DC had not undertaken that funding would definitely be allocated to the applicant organisations concerned. However, as far as he knew, the publicity work for some activities had already commenced.

278. The District Officer responded that: (i) some activities using DC funds would be held during the period from January to March this year. SSPDO had already informed relevant applicant organisations that their applications had to be considered by the current-term DC and they might not be endorsed eventually; (ii) the applicant organisations noted that if they commenced preparation work before the current-term DC allocated the funding, they had to bear relevant financial risks.

279. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190239 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

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

Against: Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr YEUNG Yuk, Mr Ramon YUEN (16)

Abstain: Mr Kalvin HO, Ms Carman NG, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu,
Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WAI Woon-nam (5)

280. The Secretary announced the voting result: 2 Members voted for it, 16 Members voted against it and 5 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190239 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190307

281. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for Sham Shui Po East Area Committee (“EAC”), Shamshuipo Kaifong Welfare Advancement Association (“SSPKFWAA”) and Shek Kip Mei Kai-Fong Welfare Association Limited (“SKMKFWAL”) to organise the “Sham Shui Po East Elderly Feast in Celebration of National Day 2020 (“Elderly Feast”)” (深東賀國慶愛心萬歲宴2020) (Application No: 190307) and the amount was \$137,000.

282. Ms Carman NG said that she learnt that the above activity had already been cancelled.

283. Ms Daphne CHAN responded that EAC had conducted a tender exercise for the venue of the activity. Since the Chinese restaurant that had won the tender had closed down suddenly, it was necessary to look for another venue and postpone the activity. Besides, in order to avoid the problem of ticket refund due to the reschedule of the activity, EAC had decided to cancel the fees for the activity and distribute tickets via the elderly centres subsidised by SWD. Therefore, the original fee-charging Elderly Feast had already been cancelled. If the funding application concerned was endorsed, EAC would replace it with a free Elderly Feast.

284. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the theme of the activity was not consistent with the current public sentiment; the organisation of this kind of free banquet events should not be encouraged as well. Hence, he would vote against the funding application concerned.

285. Ms Carman NG raised the following views: (i) she was a member of the coordinating group of the Elderly Feast. However, she had not received the relevant notice of meeting and did not learn that substantial changes had been made on the content of the activity; (ii) in the past, most of the elderly people had joined the Elderly Feast with their carers. Since free tickets would be distributed instead, the carers might not be able to participate with the elderly people; (iii) she would not support the funding application concerned.

286. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190307 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

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

Against: Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard 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 Ramon YUEN (21)

Abstain: (0)

287. The Secretary announced the voting result: 2 Members voted for it, 21 Members voted against it and no Member abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190307 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190308

288. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for EAC, SSPKFWAA and SKMKFWAL to organise the “Chinese New Year Celebration in Sham Shui Po East 2020” (深東新春行大運2020) (Application No: 190308) and the amount was \$27,210.

289. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) he noted that when Members considered the funding applications of ACs, they mainly decided their voting intention based on the method of AC members’ appointment and whether the pro-establishment camp would benefit from the activities. However, he would also take into account other factors such as whether the activities met the needs of the community and were consistent with the public sentiment; (ii) he would support the above activity if the way of allocating tickets was reasonable. For example, tickets would be allocated to all DC constituencies under EAC proportionally.

290. Mr Calvin HO raised the following views: (i) he opposed the application for funding by Government-appointed organisations without DC Members; (ii) all Members were the ex-officio members of their respective ACs; (iii) since ACs had to apply for DC funds to organise activities, he suggested taking this opportunity to restrict the content of the activities to ensure that the activities would meet the needs of the public; (iv) in the

long run, the Government should abolish ACs.

291. Ms Janet NG supported restricting the content of the activities of ACs to ensure that the activities would benefit the public.

292. Mr CHUM Tak-shing supported restricting the content of the activities of ACs. However, since DC Members were only a minority of AC members, it would be difficult to impose any restriction. He voted against the above funding application.

293. Mr Ramon YUEN agreed with the above views.

294. Ms Carman NG understood that there was disagreement over the content of the activity and there was room for improvement. Since the amount of fee for the activity was economical and local residents considered the activity as a significant annual event, she supported the funding application concerned.

295. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu requested ACs to follow up on Members' views.

296. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190308 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

For: Mr Calvin HO, Mr Leo HO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr Lawrence LAU,
Ms Carman NG, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu (6)

Against: Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing,
Mr Andy LAO, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard LI,
Ms Janet NG, Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr Ramon YUEN (10)

Abstain: Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Howard LEE, Mr MAK Wai-ming,
Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr YEUNG Yuk (6)

297. The Secretary announced the voting result: 6 Members voted for it, 10 Members voted against it and 6 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190308 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190309

298. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for Sham Shui Po West Area Committee and MCUSRAL to organise the "Sham Shui Po West Area Fun Day" (深水埗西分區同樂日) (Application No: 190309) and the amount was \$40,000.

299. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190309 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

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

Against: Ms Eunice CHAU, Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr Ramon YUEN (14)

Abstain: Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE, Ms Carman NG, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr YEUNG Yuk (5)

300. The Secretary announced the voting result: 5 Members voted for it, 14 Members voted against it and 5 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190309 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190310

301. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for Sham Shui Po Arts Association Limited (“SSPAAL”) to organise “Sham Shui Po Arts and Golden Songs” (深水埗文藝金曲情) (Application No: 190310) and the amount was \$99,800.

302. Ms Janet NG said that all tickets of the event had been distributed before the funding application was submitted to DC for discussion; which was undesirable. She enquired about the follow-up work if the funding application was not endorsed, and requested SSPDO to give a response.

303. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) most of the activities subsidised by reserved funds had been organised for many years and were very popular. However, it would take rather long time to prepare for the activities. For example, it was necessary to reserve the venue half a year in advance. Hence, it was understandable that the applicant organisation had commenced the preparation work before the current-term DC considered the funding application; (ii) although SSPAAL was the “flagship” organisation which organised cultural and recreational activities, the Council could discuss whether to continue to invite SSPAAL to organise the activity concerned; (iii) in view of the positive feedback from the community on this kind of activities, he would not oppose the application concerned.

304. Ms Daphne CHAN responded that: (i) the venue of the activity concerned had to

be reserved half a year in advance, thus the organiser had already paid for the rent and printed the promotional materials; (ii) SSPDO had already reminded the organiser that the current-term DC might not endorse its funding application. The organisation noted the relevant risks and would deploy other resources to launch the activity when necessary.

305. Ms Janet NG raised the following views: (i) according to her observation, the time for the ceremony of the activity was too long. The organiser would also arrange much time for its members or district personalities to deliver a speech; (ii) considering that some residents were looking forward to the activity, she would abstain from voting.

306. Mr CHUM Tak-shing and Ms Janet NG enquired about the guest list of the activity.

307. Ms Daphne CHAN responded that: (i) SSPDO did not have information about the guest list for the time being; (ii) as far as she knew, the organiser would arrange members of its singing training classes and guests of singing competitions to perform; it would also hire professional artists to give a performance.

308. Mr KONG Kwai-sang enquired whether officials of the LOCPG would be invited to attend the activity.

309. Ms Daphne CHAN responded that SSPDO had not yet received information about the details of the activity, yet the officials of the LOCPG had not been invited to attend the activity last year.

310. Ms Janet NG said that individual DC Members would be invited to deliver a speech in the activity.

311. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190310 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

For: Mr Leo HO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu,
Mr WAI Woon-nam (4)

Against: Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Leos LEE,
Mr Joshua LI, Mr Ramon YUEN (6)

Abstain: Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO,
Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Richard LI,

Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Carman NG, Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN,
Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr YEUNG Yuk (13)

312. The Secretary announced the voting result: 4 Members voted for it, 6 Members voted against it and 13 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190310 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190311

313. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for the Cultural Committee of SSPAAL to organise the “18th Chinese Painting and Calligraphy Class Teacher-Student Joint Exhibition cum Prize Presentation Ceremony” (第十八屆中國書畫班師生聯展暨頒獎典禮) (Application No: 190311) and the amount was \$29,602.

314. Ms Janet NG said that she had reservation on the use of funding for subsidising a prize presentation ceremony. She opined that the activity was organised for people with a specific stance.

315. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190311 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

For: Mr Leo HO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu (3)

Against: Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr Andy LAO, Mr Leos LEE, Mr Joshua LI,
Ms Janet NG, Mr Ramon YUEN (6)

Abstain: Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO,
Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Lawrence LAU, Mr Howard LEE,
Mr Richard LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Ms Carman NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN,
Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long,
Mr YEUNG Yuk (14)

316. The Secretary announced the voting result: 3 Members voted for it, 6 Members voted against it and 14 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190311 was not endorsed.

Application No: 190312

317. The Chairman asked Members to consider the funding application for the Children’s Choir Management Committee of SSPAAL to organise the “Sham Shui Po

Children's Choir Anniversary Concert" (深水埗兒童合唱團週年音樂會) (Application No: 190312) and the amount was \$64,720.

318. Mr Andy LAO enquired about the songs to be performed in the concert.

319. Ms Daphne CHAN responded that: (i) the information about the songs to be performed was not available at the moment. As far as she knew, mainly children's songs and vocal songs would be performed; (ii) Sham Shui Po Children's Choir under SSPAAL provided vocal training to children in the district and had been established for more than ten years; (iii) at present, there were more than 100 choir members and training would be conducted every week; (iv) the choir would organise a concert every year to provide an opportunity for members who had completed their training to give a performance.

320. The District Officer added that since singing and music instrument courses were quite costly in general, grass-roots families in SSP District could not afford to let their children enrol in these courses. Sham Shui Po Children's Choir had been established for many years and had all along provided economical music training courses in the district to benefit the grassroots children in the district. The activity concerned was very meaningful and it was hoped that the Council could consider the funding application.

321. The meeting voted on the funding application of Application No. 190312 by open ballot and the voting result was as follows:

For: Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr Leo HO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr Lawrence LAU,
Mr Joshua LI, Mr Richard LI, Ms Carman NG, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu,
Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr YEUNG Yuk (11)

Against: Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr Ramon YUEN (2)

Abstain: Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr Calvin HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang,
Mr Andy LAO, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Leos LEE, Mr MAK Wai-ming,
Ms Janet NG, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr Ronald TSUI (10)

322. The Secretary announced the voting result: 11 Members voted for it, 2 Members voted against it and 10 Members abstained. The Chairman declared that the funding application of Application No. 190312 was endorsed.

(g) Employment of Non-Civil Service Contract staff by the Sham Shui Po District Council (SSPDC Paper 8/20)

323. The Chairman asked Members to consider continuing to employ the existing contract staff to assist in discharging the duties of DC.

324. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that he agreed with the suggestion concerned. He also asked the District Officer to request the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) to raise the limit on employment of contract staff to recruit more manpower for assisting in organising activities of DC.

325. The District Officer said that the views concerned were noted and would be relayed.

(h) Any other business

326. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu suggested electing the Chairman of WGHSC first to commence the prevention work for “Wuhan Pneumonia” as soon as possible.

327. Members agreed with the views.

328. Ms Carman NG nominated Mr Ramon YUEN to be the Chairman. Ms Janet NG seconded the nomination. Mr Ramon YUEN accepted the nomination.

329. Since the meeting had received one nomination only, the Chairman announced that Mr Ramon YUEN was elected as the Chairman of WGHSC.

330. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu suggested earmarking \$500,000 of DC funds for WGHSC to carry out anti-epidemic work.

331. The Secretary said that if the meeting agreed to make special arrangements, the funding with an amount of \$500,000 could be earmarked for WGHSC first so that the working group concerned could openly invite funding applications as soon as it decided the theme.

332. Members agreed that the funding with an amount of \$500,000 would be earmarked for WGHSC to carry out anti-epidemic work.

333. Mr Ramon YUEN said that the last-term DC had discussed the matter of live broadcast of DC meetings, he hoped that the matter would be followed up and relevant arrangements could be implemented.

334. The District Officer responded that HAD would make reference to the views of DCs of 18 districts on live broadcast of meetings and study the feasibility of universal

implementation. He would continue to follow up on the matter with HAD.

335. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that he understood that it took time for HAD to handle the matter, thus he suggested WGCIDP could study how to enhance the transparency of DC.

336. Ms LAU Pui-yuk raised the following enquiries: (i) whether lunch time would be arranged for future meetings; (ii) whether the situation of the Chairman, Vice-chairman and committee chairmen attending public events on behalf of DC could be recorded to enhance the transparency of the Council.

337. The Chairman said that he would discuss the concerned arrangement with the Vice-chairman and committee chairmen.

338. Ms Carman NG suggested increasing the use of computers and projectors at meetings and reducing the use of paper.

339. The Secretary noted the views.

Agenda Item 4: Date of next meeting

340. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 11 February 2020 (Tuesday).

341. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:50 p.m.

(Translation)

Minutes of the Discussion Session before
the 1st Meeting of Committees under Sham Shui Po District Council (6th Term)

Date: 14 January 2020 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Mr YEUNG Yuk

Members

Ms CHAU Yuen-man, Eunice

Ms CHOW Wing-heng, Zoé

Mr CHUM Tak-shing

Mr HO Kai-ming, Calvin

Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo

Mr KONG Kwai-sang

Mr LAO Ka-hang, Andy

Mr LAU Wai-chung, Lawrence

Mr LEE Hon-ting, Howard

Mr LEE Man-ho, Leos

Mr LI Chun-hei, Joshua

Mr LI Kwing, Richard

Mr LI Ting-fung, Jay

Mr MAK Wai-ming

Ms NG Mei, Carman

Ms NG Yuet-lan, Janet

Mr SIN Kam-ho, Jeffrey

Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, MH, JP

Mr TSUI Yat-hin, Ronald

Mr WAI Woon-nam

Mr WONG Kit-long

Mr YAN Kai-wing

Mr YUEN Hoi-man, Ramon

In Attendance

Miss LUI Hiu-wei, Michelle
Mr LEE Wai-yin, Brett

Acting District Officer (Sham Shui Po)
Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1

Secretary

Ms HO Kam-ping, Jennifer

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

Absent with Apologies

Member

Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Endorsement of the terms of reference of the Planning Development and Transport Affairs Committee

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had sent the proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the Planning Development and Transport Affairs Committee (“PTAC”) to Members before the meeting. If Members had no other views, he suggested the above proposed amendments be formally endorsed.

3. Members did not have any views.

4. The Chairman concluded that the terms of reference of PTAC were endorsed.

Agenda Item 2: Endorsement of the terms of reference of the five working groups (Working Group on Community Involvement and District Publicity, Working Group on Poverty Problems and Ethnic Minorities, Working Group on Healthy and Safe Community, Working Group on Pang Tsai and Fashion Base, and Concern Group on the Movement of Opposition to the Proposed Legislative Amendments) directly under the District Council

5. The Chairman enquired whether Members present at the meeting had any views on the terms of reference of Working Group on Community Involvement and District Publicity, Working Group on Poverty Problems and Ethnic Minorities, Working Group on Healthy and Safe Community, Working Group on Pang Tsai and Fashion Base.

6. Members did not have any views.

7. The Chairman concluded that the terms of reference of the above working groups were endorsed.

8. Mr YAN Kai-wing raised the following views: (i) he supported the establishment of Concern Group on the Movement of Opposition to the Proposed Legislative Amendments (“CGMOPLA”), yet he could not participate in the discussion on the terms of reference of the working group concerned at the last DC meeting due to other commitments; (ii) he suggested renaming the working group concerned as Concern Group on the Anti-totalitarianism Movement and adding the item of expressing concerns over the situation of indiscriminate arrest and prosecution into the terms of reference; (iii) the working group concerned could discuss matters such as public education, freedom of

speech and freedom of publication regarding the movement of opposition to the proposed legislative amendments; (iv) he hoped that the minutes of meetings could reflect Members' views directly; (v) he suggested revising item 1 of the terms of reference.

9. Mr Joshua LI suggested that it was not necessary to add the wordings "Sham Shui Po District" to avoid restricting the terms of reference of the working group.

10. Ms Janet NG agreed with the above amendment and opined that this could help Members provide assistance to the public outside the district.

11. Assistant District Officer 2 said that it was necessary to reconfirm whether the terms of reference of the working group complied with the functions of DC stipulated in Section 61 of the District Councils Ordinance ("DCO").

12. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that he agreed that the DCO should be complied with. He also pointed out that "Sham Shui Po District" should not be limited to geographical boundaries and suggested emphasising in the terms of reference that the targets were residents of Sham Shui Po District.

13. Mr Jeffrey SIN raised the following views: (i) human rights observers could observe the scenes of processions and assemblies after registration. It was hoped that the working group could make a request to the departments concerned so that DC Members could provide support in the above capacity; (ii) even after making the formal registration, some human rights observers had been arrested during the processions and assemblies.

14. The Chairman concluded the proposed amendments put forward by Members to item 1 of the terms of reference of the working group concerned as follows: "to monitor the enforcement by the Government and the Police during processions and assemblies in order to prevent residents of Sham Shui Po District from any act which violated the constitution and the law...".

15. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu suggested revising "residents of Sham Shui Po District" as "people living and working in Sham Shui Po District".

16. Mr YAN Kai-wing suggested revising as "...in order to prevent residents of Sham Shui Po District from being affected by any act which violated the constitution and the law...".

17. The Chairman said that the matter of arranging DC Members to observe the scenes of processions and assemblies could be followed up and handled at meetings of

the working group.

18. Ms Janet NG suggested revising “Sham Shui Po District” in items 3 and 4 of the terms of reference.

19. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) amendments should be made depending on individual circumstances. “Sham Shui Po District” in items 2 and 3 enabled the working group to focus on handling the matter of processions and assemblies in the district, thus no amendment was required; (ii) he suggested revising “Sham Shui Po District” as “people living and working in Sham Shui Po District” in items 4 and 5.

20. Mr YAN Kai-wing suggested revising item 5 of the terms of reference as “to follow up on the impacts caused by the violence of the Police, indiscriminate arrest and prosecution in the movement...” to express the stance of the working group clearly.

21. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) if the above amendment was made, the working group could only handle cases of indiscriminate prosecution instead of prosecution cases in the opposition movement. This would virtually narrow its terms of reference; (ii) he suggested retaining the original wordings and discussing the implementation details at meetings of the working group.

22. Mr Lawrence LAU said that he agreed with the views of Mr TAM Kwok-kiu. He also pointed out that there was a legal basis for some cases of arrest and prosecution, yet the matter still distressed the residents of Sham Shui Po District. Hence, the working group should also follow up such cases.

23. The Chairman concluded the proposed amendments put forward by Members to the terms of reference of the working group concerned as follows: (i) “Sham Shui Po District” and “residents of Sham Shui Po District” in items 1, 4 and 5 would be revised as “people living and working in Sham Shui Po District”; (ii) item 5 would be revised as “to follow up on the impacts caused by the violence of the Police, indiscriminate arrest and prosecution in the movement...”.

24. Members did not have any views.

25. The Chairman concluded that the terms of reference of CGMOPLA were endorsed.

Agenda Item 3: Lot-drawing to decide Members could nominate co-opted members to which committees

26. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had sent an e-mail earlier to invite every Member to nominate one co-opted member for arranging Members to draw lots. He then introduced the lot-drawing arrangements as follows:

- (i) The Secretariat staff had prepared a box with cards numbered from 1 to 25. Members would be invited to draw a card in the alphabetical order of their surnames from A to Z. The numbers drawn would be their priority numbers for the subsequent lot-drawing to decide which committees the co-opted members they had nominated would join.
- (ii) After every Member had his number drawn, the Secretariat staff would, in ascending order of the numbers so drawn, invite Members to draw a card from a box containing 25 cards, each of which would show the name of one of the five committees. The person nominated by a Member would be eligible to join the committee shown on the card that the Member had drawn as a co-opted member.
- (iii) If a Member was absent, the DC Chairman would draw the lots on his behalf.
- (iv) According to previous practice, Members might exchange among themselves their cards so drawn. Members were requested to notify the Secretariat of any exchange of cards and return the “Nominee’s Declaration of Qualification” duly completed by the nominee to the Secretariat on or before 22 January (Wednesday).
- (v) The Secretariat would ask Members to endorse the list of co-opted members by circulation.

27. Lot-drawing to decide which committees Members could nominate co-opted members was conducted.

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