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Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
of
Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)

Date: 11 April 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Dr WONG Chung-leung, JP

Vice-Chairman

Mr LEE Wing-man, MH

Members

Mr LAM Ka-fai, Aaron, BBS, JP

Mr LAM Wai-man, Raymond

Ms KWOK Yin-lai, MH

Mr CHAN Wai-ming, BBS, MH, JP

Mr CHAN Lung-kit

Ms CHUM Pik-wa

Mr WONG Chun-hung, Hanson

Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

Mr LO Chi-chiu

In Attendance

Miss LAI Ho-ting, Ally

Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1

Miss CHIN Wai-sheung, Doris

Senior Liaison Officer 1, Sham Shui Po District Office

Ms LAM Pui-ling

Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po)

District Support, Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Mr WAH Kwan-ping

Assistant District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po)
District Support, Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Miss CHAN Chi, Alice

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

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| Ms CHAN Pik-mei, Meimei | Manager (Kowloon West) Marketing, Programme & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department |
| Ms CHAN Siu-kuen, Catalina | Senior Librarian (Sham Shui Po), Leisure and Cultural Services Department |
| Mr HO Sheung-yeung, Will | School Development Officer (Sham Shui Po) 11, Education Bureau |
| Miss CHOW Mei-yee | Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2, Social Welfare Department |

Secretary

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| Miss CHEUNG Sau-hung, Sharen | Assistant Executive Manager (District Council) 2, Sham Shui Po District Office |
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the second meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CICRC”) of the seventh term of the Sham Shui Po District Council (“SSPDC”).

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee

2. The Committee confirmed the above minutes without amendment.

Item 2(a): Leisure and Cultural Services Department’s Report on Recreation and Sports Programmes in Sham Shui Po District (CICRC Paper No. 4/2024)

3. Ms LAM Pui-ling introduced Paper No. 4/2024.
4. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) members of the public had reported to members that when using the “SmartPLAY” sports and recreation services booking system of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) to enrol in activities on open enrolment for remaining quota, they would often experience network congestion on the system. The Department was suggested to set three different dates per month for open enrolment for the three major regions of Hong Kong, Kowloon, and the New Territories to avoid all members of the public interested in participating in activities with remaining quota entering the system on the same day. In addition, members enquired whether the Department had any other solutions to address the problem of network congestion; (ii) enquired about the reasons for the lower number of participants in the “Breaking Fun Day for Youth” in January and February, and whether the activities in March and April had been cancelled as a result; (iii) suggested adding the budget and actual number of participants in the paper for comparison, and providing more relevant data on the activities, such as age groups of participants, activity fees, etc; (iv) enquired about the reasons why there had been no activities for people with disabilities and horticulture activities in March and April; and (v) suggested increasing promotion of new sports fun days and related competitions, as well as Paralympic sports activities for people with disabilities.
5. Ms LAM Pui-ling gave a consolidated response: (i) the new intelligent sports and recreation services booking system “SmartPLAY” had been launched for about half a year so far, and the relevant divisions had continued to listen to the opinions of the public and

solve technical problems. The Department noted members' suggestions and would reflect them to the responsible divisions for follow-up; (ii) breaking for youth was one of the newly promoted urban sports last year, targeting young people aged 10 to 24. Despite the Department's effort in promoting the activities through multiple channels, the response and enrolment from local residents had not been satisfactory. Therefore, the Department would strengthen the promotion of relevant activities this year to encourage young people in the district to enrol and participate in them; (iii) the Department noted the suggestion about including the budget and actual number of participants as well as other data relevant to the activities in the paper; (iv) the Department had been actively contacting relevant organisations in the district to plan recreational and sports activities for people with disabilities, and would continue to take forward the relevant activities in the district; (v) due to limited resources, at present primarily only two horticulture talks on narcissi and orchids were held in January and February every year for public participation; and (vi) the Department would promote new sports according to the needs of local residents and noted the opinions of members.

6. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) suggested making good use of and promoting the existing horticultural resources of LCSD, such as having the Zoological & Horticultural Education Unit of Kowloon Park organise more horticultural courses, promoting relevant horticultural activities through district networks, to allow more residents to participate; (ii) suggested relocating the large-scale horticultural works from the Hong Kong Flower Show to districts for exhibition after the show; and (iii) suggested that LCSD include relevant data on the participation of ethnic minorities in activities in the paper.

7. Ms LAM Pui-ling gave a consolidated response that the Department noted members' suggestions and would reflect them to the relevant divisions.

8. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the content of the report. Members shared their personal experiences of participating in sports and recreational activities organised by LCSD, and expressed their opinions from the perspective of users. The Department was asked to take note and follow up.

Item 2(b): Leisure and Cultural Services Department's Report on District Arts and Cultural Activities in 2023/24 and District Arts and Cultural Programmes Organised in 2024/25 (CICRC Paper No. 5/2024)

9. Miss Alice CHAN introduced Paper No. 5/2024.

10. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) hoped to understand the channels through which the Department disseminated information on arts and cultural activities, so that residents could have access to relevant information and the number of participants could be increased; (ii) enquired about how organisations in the district could contact LCSD if they were interested in organising arts and cultural events; (iii) suggested making good use of idle lands in the district, such as organising events with specific themes on the Waterfront Promenade, and collaborating with other government departments to organise diversified activities; (iv) suggested organising more activities for the elderly to help maintain their mental health; (v) suggested that LCSD collaborate with local traders to promote activities; and (vi) suggested organising activities for students with special educational needs to allow them to participate in activities with other students and promote social inclusion.

11. Miss Alice CHAN gave a consolidated response: (i) the promotion work of the “18dART” Community Arts Scheme was mainly undertaken by the art groups as organisers, while the Department would assist in disseminating relevant information on its website. Members were also welcome to assist in the promotion; (ii) since some activities were still in the stage of planning, the Community Programmes Office (“CPO”) would continue to communicate with relevant art groups and release relevant information in due course; and (iii) CPO was currently planning for activities for the year 2025/26. If local organisations were interested in collaborating in or supporting activities, they could contact LCSD for referral.

12. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) enquired whether LCSD would consider making good use of sports venues, such as Sham Shui Po Sports Centre, to organise arts and cultural activities; and (ii) enquired about the arrangements of LCSD regarding the cancellation of activities.

13. Miss Alice CHAN gave a consolidated response: (i) the venues of the activities were decided by the organising groups based on different factors, such as the nature of the activities, the schedule of the art groups, the capacity of the venues, and the technical equipment required. The Department noted the opinions of members; and (ii) if any activity was cancelled or rescheduled after the details were announced, the Department and the organisers would immediately announce and notify the public of the relevant details and latest arrangements.

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

Item 2(c): Leisure and Cultural Services Department's Report on Extension Activities Organised by the Public Libraries in Sham Shui Po District; and Extension Activity Programmes in the Public Libraries in Sham Shui Po District from April 2024 to March 2025 (CICRC Paper Nos. 6/2024 and 7/2024)

15. Ms Catalina CHAN introduced Paper No. 6/2024 and 7/2024.

16. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) enquired about the reasons for the low number of participants in the Reading Programme held at Sham Shui Po Public Library; (ii) suggested that LCSD organise an exhibition with the theme of history of the Olympics; and (iii) enquired about the promotion work of the "Reading for All Day". To complement the Olympics, members suggested preparing books with the theme of sports for residents in the district to read.

17. Ms Catalina CHAN responded as follows: (i) libraries would organise relevant extension activities based on annual events, and the public libraries in Sham Shui Po District had arranged featured exhibitions and promotions of books related to the Olympic theme; (ii) the Government announced that 23 April of every year would be designated as the "Hong Kong Reading for All Day", and Hong Kong Public Libraries would designate 20 to 28 April of this year as the "Hong Kong Reading Week". Over 200 library activities would be held online and offline, and details of the activities could be found on the official website of the libraries; and (iii) Ms CHAN had previously sent an email inviting all Members to participate in "Hong Kong Reading Week - Read Together for Half an Hour" activities on 23 April in which reading locations would be set up for the public to experience the joy of reading. Interested Members were welcome to join.

[Post-meeting note: Sham Shui Po Public Library was only put into service last year in March 2023. While the number of participants in the Reading Programme was calculated based on the cumulative number of participants registered for the Reading Programme, the number of participants in the Reading Programme at Sham Shui Po Public Library was thus lower compared to other libraries.]

18. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) enquired if libraries would lend books for residents to participate in "Read Together for Half an Hour" activities; and (ii) enquired about the deadline for returning borrowed books.

19. Ms Catalina CHAN gave a consolidated response as follows: (i) Members could propose the themes of books so the libraries could arrange to make relevant books available

for borrowing and place those books at reading locations for the public to read. In addition, the libraries would later deliver promotional materials to Members' offices for promotional purposes; and (ii) books were allowed to be borrowed for a period of 14 days each time and each book could be renewed for up to five consecutive times.

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

Item 3: Any Other Business

21. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) suggested LCSD make good use of Sham Shui Po Sports Centre and provide data of the venue, including usage rates, types of users and activities held. It was hoped that the usage of the venue could be expanded in the future, such as holding cultural and performance programmes; (ii) expressed concerns over the possible insufficient promotion of activities related to the Hong Kong Games in the district, and suggested inviting DC Members to participate in the activities; (iii) suggested applying for funding in the name of the Committee to organise community involvement activities, such as holding relevant celebration activities at the handover of Hong Kong and the National Day, to enhance the festive ambience; and (iv) based on past experience, members suggested broadcasting events at venues under the purview of LCSD and different locations in the district during the Olympic Games, so that residents could support national athletes together and increase cohesion within the district.

22. Ms LAM Pui-ling gave a consolidated response that the Department noted the above suggestions from members, and currently relevant information including detailed arrangements for broadcasting Olympic events at sports venues in the district was not available. Upon receipt of the latest information, the Department would introduce the relevant arrangements to members.

[Post-meeting note: Sham Shui Po Sports Centre was mainly used for the public to engage in sports activities. The District Office and LCSD would reserve Sham Shui Po Sports Centre annually for arts and cultural as well as community activities. If an organisation needs to borrow the venue to hold other community activities, such as concerts, they may refer to the "Guidelines and Conditions on the Use of Sham Shui Po Sports Centre for Cultural, Arts and Community Activities" and the application form, and apply to the District Office according to the procedures described.]

23. The Chairman expressed support for organising distinctive and meaningful activities to promote community involvement through resources currently available in the district.

Members who were interested in organising activities could contact the Secretariat after the meeting.

Item 4: Date of Next Meeting

24. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 30 May 2024 (Thursday).

25. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:43 a.m.

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