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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
of
Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)

Date: 30 May 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

Ms WU Sze-ki, Kase

Acting 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
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 YEUNG Tsz-hin	Senior School Development Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1, Education Bureau
Miss CHOW Mei-yee	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2, Social Welfare Department

Secretary

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 third 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 2nd Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee

2. The Committee confirmed the above meeting minutes without amendment.

Item 2(a): Leisure and Cultural Services Department’s Report on Recreation and Sports Activities Organised in Sham Shui Po District in 2023/24 (CICRC Paper No. 8/2024)

3. Ms LAM Pui-ling said that according to the guidelines issued by the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) in March 2024 regarding the submission of recreation and sports programmes reports to the District Council by LCSD, each District Leisure Services Office under LCSD was required to submit an annual plan for recreation and sports programmes in the following year between January and February each year, a half-yearly activity report between October and November and an annual programme report for the previous year between April and May of the following year to the relevant District Council. She asked members to note that, if necessary, LCSD would report to the Committee on upcoming large-scale events such as the Hong Kong Games, flower shows and Olympic live broadcasts verbally or by papers.

4. Ms LAM Pui-ling introduced Paper No. 8/2024 and the papers titled “Progressive Swimming Scheme in Sham Shui Po District 2024”, “Activity Programmes for Persons with Disabilities 2024-25” and “Community Recreation and Sports Programmes Schedule of Sham Shui Po District in July 2024”. She added that (i) LCSD would hold the “Sport For All Day 2024” on 4 August this year, organising various free recreation and sports activities at designated venues in 18 districts and opening up most of the recreational facilities for free use to the public. The “Sport For All Day” of Sham Shui Po District would be held at Sham Shui Po Sports Centre, and two Sports Ambassadors of Sham Shui Po District, i.e. Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo and Ms CHUM Pik-wa, would be invited. On that day, a variety of sports and physical activities as well as parent-child activities would be held, including fun games for Olympic sports and new sports. The Department hoped that this move would bring new sports experiences to the public, and members were welcome to attend the event on that day; (ii) during the Paris Olympic Games and the

Paralympic Games, LCSD had confirmed to broadcast the Olympic Games live in Pei Ho Street Sports Centre and replay essence clips; (iii) to improve the registration system of “SmartPLAY” and alleviate network congestion, the Department had chosen another day for the registration of the swimming classes to be held in 18 districts in July and August; and (iv) as the 9th Hong Kong Games had entered the final two weeks, the Department had previously sent an email through the Secretariat inviting Members to organise cheering groups and watch the games on site. If Members were interested in watching the badminton final to be held at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium on 1 and 2 June, they could register with LCSD after the meeting.

5. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) enquired about the reasons for the low number of participants in breaking and whether the Department would consider strengthening the promotion of this Olympic sport, for example, collaborating with professional organisations to promote its development; (ii) suggested that the Department should also promote electronic sports (“e-sports”) and popularise it to attract more young people to participate in it; (iii) enquired whether the swimming pools in Sham Shui Po District would be fully opened during the swimming seasons, and enquired about the situation about the recruitment of lifeguards; (iv) enquired about how the Department would increase residents’ enthusiasm for the Olympics, enhance their interest in participating in Olympic related activities and popularise sports at the district level; suggested that the Department invite SSPDC to assist in promoting the participation of local residents in Olympic related activities during the opening ceremony or special events of the Olympic Games; (v) suggested that the Department cooperate more with SSPDC or the Committee in sports activities, release event information as soon as possible and invite relevant individuals and local residents to attend the events; (vi) supported the adoption of a new measure by the Department to separate the registration dates by sports events in the registration system, and hoped that the relevant diversion measures would be carried on in the future to alleviate network congestion caused by a single registration date; and (vii) suggested that the Department introduce relevant information on the training of Paralympic athletes.

6. Ms LAM Pui-ling gave a consolidated response: (i) the Department would invite relevant sports associations to assist in organising and promoting breaking in the district and step up publicity to encourage more young people to participate in it; (ii) promoting e-sports required coordination with relevant stakeholders. The Department currently did not have a specific promotion plan for e-sports, but it had noted members’ views and would continue to promote e-sports and other new sports on the Sport For All Day; (iii) the situation of the recruitment of lifeguards this year was similar to that in the previous years. The Department would continue to arrange for the opening of the facilities in the three

public swimming pools in the district to the public and hold swimming training courses according to actual manpower and needs; (iv) in the future, the Department would invite members to participate in and support the Hong Kong Games or other large-scale recreation and sports activities in the district as soon as possible; (v) the application and functions of “SmartPLAY” would be gradually expanded, and the relevant sections of the Department would continue to review and improve the registration situation for related activities; (vi) the training programmes for disabled athletes were mainly coordinated by relevant sports associations, and the sports sections of the Department would provide funding to the associations for training disabled athletes and supporting them to attend international competitions.

7. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) due to the high utilisation rate of fitness room facilities, enquired whether LCSD would add fitness room facilities and increase the frequency of relevant briefings; (ii) enquired whether the Department had plans to hold basketball and soccer training schemes; (iii) enquired about the reasons for the low number of participants in aerobic dance and breaking, and whether the Department would consider replacing them with other dances or activities; (iv) suggested that the Department organise sports activities that could strengthen cardiopulmonary function, such as rope skipping and shuttlecock-kicking; (v) enquired about the activity schedule of Sham Shui Po Sports Centre; (vi) suggested making good use of Cheung Sha Wan Promenade to organise activities such as “Fitness Walking”, outdoor yoga classes and Tai Chi classes; and (vii) enquired about the proportion of activities cancelled due to insufficient participation among all activities, and expected the Department to analyse the reasons, so as to make effective use of resources.

8. Ms LAM Pui-ling gave a consolidated response: (i) the current number of fitness room facilities and related briefings in the district was sufficient to meet the local demand, the Department would make timely adjustments according to actual needs; (ii) at present, Sham Shui Po District held about two 3-on-3 basketball training classes every year. If necessary, the Department would strengthen the promotion of basketball and soccer activities; (iii) the Department had previously examined and reported the reasons for the low number of breaking participants. If participants were insufficient again, the activity would be cancelled and refund would be arranged, and other dances or activities would be considered as alternatives; (iv) rope skipping and shuttlecock-kicking were not regular activities, but the Department would consider adding relevant elements to special events such as the Sport For All Day and the Sport for All Carnival; (v) the Department would make effective use of the facilities at Sham Shui Po Sports Centre to organise different types of recreation and sports activities based on the needs of the public; the Sham Shui Po District Office would also hold cultural and recreational activities at the Sham Shui Po

Sports Centre, and the Department would try its best to provide support. More information on recreation and sports activities could be found on the website of the Department; (vi) the Department noted the proposal of holding outdoor activities at the Cheung Sha Wan Promenade and it would consider incorporating the sports activities proposed by members into the Sport for All Carnival, hoping to attract more residents to participate in the activities at the Promenade and provide them with a vibrant and diverse harbourfront experiences; and (vii) the cancellation rate of recreation and sports activities in Sham Shui Po District for 2023-24 was 4%, mainly due to weather conditions and insufficient participation. The Department would make coordination, make effective use of resources and hold recreation and sports activities in the district according to relevant annual programme plans as far as practicable.

9. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the contents of the reports and the mechanism for LCSD to report to the Committee in the future. It was believed that the arrangements could provide more space for members to participate in the discussions of special activities, such as Olympic and National Day themed events, and agreed that LCSD should first discuss with members before submitting an annual plan. Considering that members might not have received an immediate response at the meeting regarding some of the concerns and opinions raised by them, the Chairman asked the Department to note them and take follow-up actions.

Item 2(b): Leisure and Cultural Services Department's Report on Arts and Cultural Activities Organised in Sham Shui Po District in 2023/24 and District Arts and Cultural Programmes in 2024/25 (CICRC Paper Nos. 9/2024 and 10/2024)

10. Miss Alice CHAN introduced Paper Nos. 9/2024 and 10/2024.

11. Members suggested that the Department make effective use of Sham Shui Po Sports Centre to hold arts and cultural activities, believing that its geographical advantage could increase the number of participants, but it was necessary to consider purchasing relevant equipment to support the activities.

12. Miss Alice CHAN responded that organisers would choose venues for activities based on different factors, such as the natures of events, the schedules of the art groups, capacities and technical equipment. The Department noted the suggestion of making effective use of the venues of Sham Shui Po Sports Centre.

[Post-meeting note: As the multi-purpose arena of Sham Shui Po Sports Centre was mainly

booked by groups for sports activities, it could only spare limited sessions for bookings for other non-sports activities. Besides, the technical equipment of the venue could not fully support the performance requirements of arts groups. As a result, there were few events held here in the past.]

13. 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 in 2023/24 (CICRC Paper No. 11/2024)

14. Ms Catalina CHAN introduced Paper No. 11/2024 and said that a library activity report would be submitted to SSPDC in accordance with the guidelines issued by HAD in March 2024.

15. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) considering the decline in reading among young people nowadays, suggested promoting reading in places like schools and communities to create a good reading environment; (ii) as the activity which combined music and speech was very popular, suggested that LCSD provide relevant music resources to promote speech activities; (iii) appreciated the use of virtual reality technologies to assist in the showcasing of large-scale events, and suggested that the Department promote large-scale events as soon as possible to promote participation; (v) suggested organising Olympic-themed events to inform the public about relevant sports information; and (vi) suggested that the Department consider using large-scale display materials such as roll-up banners, on which the details and related information of activities would be listed, outside each library for promotion, making it easier for the public to receive relevant information.

16. Ms Catalina CHAN responded that: (i) the libraries would contact school teachers via email or directly to promote library reading activities from time to time. In addition, the website of Hong Kong Public Libraries would also upload various library information, such as electronic resources, e-books, etc., to promote reading culture; (ii) holding speech events in libraries would be challenging. The Department noted members' views and would consider hiring professional mentors to host lectures and workshops during promotional activities, introducing and teaching speech skills; (iii) the libraries once held large-scale promotional activities using virtual reality technologies and it would communicate with relevant departments to step up publicity; (iv) the libraries once organised inclusive activities for ethnic minorities, including inviting foreign teachers from

the Education Bureau to host English storytelling sessions at libraries, and the libraries would continue to search for suitable mentors to promote the activities; (v) the libraries would hold an Olympic-themed book exhibition from July to August; (vi) the libraries would post large posters of events on the notice boards inside libraries, and also post relevant information and promotional materials for special events on mobile notice boards, which would be placed outside the entrances of libraries; and (vii) the reading activities related to the “Reading for All Day” had been successfully completed. She thanked Members for their support and participation. The photo album and videos of the event would be uploaded to the official website later, and all parties would be notified by email at that time.

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

Item 3: Any Other Business

18. Members did not raise any other business.

Item 4: Date of Next Meeting

19. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 25 July 2024 (Thursday).

20. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:53 a.m.

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