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Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
of
Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)

Date : 28 November 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

Co-opted Member

Ms LEUNG Wun-kam, Reginia

In Attendance

Miss FUNG Yi-ching, Janice	Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2
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 CHAN Kwun-wang, Jason	Assistant District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po) 3, 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 Officer (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 sixth 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 5th Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee

3. The Committee confirmed the above minutes without amendment.

Item 2: Enquiry on Promoting the Development of New Sports in Sham Shui Po District (Paper No. 14/2024)

4. A member introduced Paper No. 14/2024.
5. Ms LAM Pui-ling introduced Response Paper No. 14a/2024.
6. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) enquired about information on large-scale events related to new sports held in Sham Shui Po District; (ii) enquired whether the Department had routinely promoted new sports programmes to boost public awareness and what the relevant promotional strategies were; (iii) enquired whether the Department would consider incorporating technological elements into new sports to make them more interesting and allow members of the public to exercise without being restricted by venues; (iv) in light of the high usage rate of sports venues in the district, enquired whether the Department would consider opening outdoor sports venues to promote new sports; (v) pointed out that the public currently had a limited understanding of new sports and suggested organising related briefing sessions and beginner courses for promotion; (vi) enquired about the definition of new sports and whether the related programmes would be reviewed annually; (vii) enquired about the beneficiaries of the “Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports”; and (viii) enquired about the promotion of new sports in schools and how community organisations could support and participate in the promotional efforts.
7. Ms LAM Pui-ling gave a consolidated response: (i) the Department would continue to hold diversified recreational and sports events in the district, which would also include new sports activities; (ii) the Department noted members’ views on incorporating technological elements into new sports; (iii) currently, members of the public could make individual bookings for six sports centres under the purview of the Department, including

Cheung Sha Wan Sports Centre, to carry out six relatively popular new sports activities, including dodgeball, dodgebee, kin-ball, korfball, tchoukball and pickleball. If members of the public wanted to engage in other new sports activities, they could also apply as organisations for booking the Department's recreational facilities for non-designated purposes; (iv) the beneficiaries of the "Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports" were designated recognised sports organisations; (v) the Department would review the needs of local residents for new sports activities and the available resources in a timely manner to support the Department's promotional plans for new sports activities. On the other hand, the Department would continue to incorporate more elements of new sports into various events, such as Fun Day, the Sport for All Carnival and the Sport For All Day, to make them more fun and diverse; and (vi) non-traditional or non-mainstream sports, as well as sports that had gained popularity in recent years, could be all defined as new sports. Compared with traditional sports, new sports were generally easier to pick up and fun, making them suitable for people of all ages.

[Post-meeting note: To further promote new sports activities, the Department opened arenas of six additional sports centres for public booking starting from 15 January 2025 for conducting the new sports activities aforementioned.]

8. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the Department's response and would co-operate with the Department to support the development of new sports and related promotional plans. The Committee hoped that the Department could promote new sports through various platforms, such as schools and community organisations and suggested holding sports carnivals and other activities in areas with high pedestrian flow. Besides, the Committee also hoped that the Department could provide regular reports on the promotion of new sports.

Item 3a: Leisure and Cultural Services Department - Report on the Recreation and Sports Programmes Held in Sham Shui Po District from April to September 2024 (Paper No. 15/2024)

9. Ms LAM Pui-ling introduced Paper No. 15/2024 and the upcoming large-scale events and competitions to be organised by the Sham Shui Po District Leisure Services Office, including the "New Year Eve Social Dance Night", the "Sport for All Carnival" and the "Sham Shui Po District Distance Run". She said members were welcome to help promote and attend the events.

10. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the content of the report and the events.

Item 3b: Leisure and Cultural Services Department - Report on the Activities of the “18dART - Sham Shui Po Community Arts Scheme” held from April to September 2024 (Paper No. 16/2024)

11. Miss Alice CHAN introduced Paper No. 16/2024 and the community arts and cultural activities in Sham Shui Po District from September 2024 to March 2025, including a music event organised by the Music Office, three ancient musical instrument courses under the “18dART - Community Arts Scheme” by the Community Programmes Office, and ten different types of arts activities under the “Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme” by the Audience Building Office.

12. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) suggested that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) collect relevant data on the activities held under the Arts Scheme throughout the year, including their popularity, for reference in planning the scheme for the following year; (ii) enquired about the content of the Parent-child Workshops and which programmes were more popular; (iii) enquired about the mechanism for inviting schools to participate in the “Educational Matinee”; and (iv) suggested strengthening the promotion of breakdancing and hosting multi-disciplinary arts performances featuring Eastern and Western music to attract the participation of young people.

13. Miss Alice CHAN responded as follows: (i) the Parent-child Workshops guided children to make simple musical instruments by introducing the instruments depicted in Dunhuang murals as well as the colours and patterns used on them, and explained to the children the structure and features of those instruments; (ii) the Department adopted Chinese Music as the theme for the annual plan of the district based on the findings of a survey conducted by the Community Programmes Office on the interests of the residents of Sham Shui Po District, allowing relevant arts groups to take root in the district and promote Chinese music in various ways through a series of in-depth activities; (iii) the “Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme” enabled different arts groups to hold a variety of arts activities in the district, including tap dance and drama workshops, for local residents to participate; and (iv) regarding the invitation of schools to participate in the “Educational Matinee”, the relevant activities were mainly organised and promoted by arts groups which would invite local schools to join. Interested schools may contact LCSD for referral.

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

Item 3c: Leisure and Cultural Services Department - Half-yearly Report on the Extension Activities in Sham Shui Po District Public Libraries (Paper No. 17/2024)

15. Ms Catalina CHAN introduced Paper No. 17/2024 and the project “Joyful Reading at Your Neighbourhood: Library-on-Wheels”.

16. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) enquired whether the Libraries could lend a certain number of books to designated schools and regularly replace them to promote a reading culture; and (ii) asked about the factors considered by the Libraries while formulating reading themes and pointed out that the Libraries served as a great platform to assist in promoting national education, identity recognition, etc. Besides, members suggested holding thematic seminars and other activities, such as events on the theme of the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance, integrating the history of the War of Resistance with the history of Sham Shui Po District to deepen residents’ understanding of the community and strengthen their sense of national identity. It was hoped that relevant promotional activities could align with the National Security Education District Tutor Training Scheme to achieve a synergistic effect.

17. Ms Catalina CHAN responded as follows: (i) the Libraries had been offering a block loan service to schools. Currently, about ten schools in Sham Shui Po District were using this service, mostly borrowing books aligned with their curriculum from the Libraries. The Libraries also collaborated with non-profit-making organisations and community organisations to offer community-based library services, assisting in the establishment of community libraries. Moreover, the Libraries had launched the “Thematic Block Loan to Kindergartens” to promote a reading culture among children, families and kindergartens, and would continue to publicise and promote the services. Under the project “Joyful Reading at Your Neighbourhood: Library-on-Wheels”, the Library-on-Wheels would visit designated locations or remote areas across Hong Kong to provide book borrowing services to local residents; (ii) to support the National Security Education Day, the Libraries would hold book exhibitions, talks and workshops on relevant topics. Besides, as the coming year marked the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance, the Libraries would organise thematic talks on the history of the War and prepare books on relevant topics for public borrowing; as for supporting national security education with the District Tutor Training Scheme, discussions could be held with relevant parties in the future to evaluate its feasibility.

18. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the content of the report and the events.

Item 4: Any Other Business

19. Miss Janice FUNG reported that the opening ceremony of the event “Hong Kong Comics Art Tech Fair”, co-organised by the Sham Shui Po District Office, the Sham Shui Po Residents Association, and the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy under SSPDC, had been held on 30 November 2024 (Saturday). Members of various sectors were invited to this event. They attended a panel discussion to share their thoughts on the past, present and potential for future intellectual property development of Hong Kong comics, and motivate young individuals to unleash their creativity in cross-industry developments, such as products, fashion and so on. Furthermore, she hoped that representatives from various departments could help promote the event and encourage different community organisations to participate.

20. The Chairman said that collaboration between SSPDC and local schools had to be strengthened as mentioned in the last meeting. He had met with principals of local primary and secondary schools under the arrangement of the Education Bureau to express SSPDC’s willingness to assist, co-operate with and support the schools, and encouraged them to actively participate in activities organised by SSPDC to enhance cooperation. The Chairman would later provide members with a list of schools interested in collaborating with SSPDC and discuss the division of responsibilities with them. The Chairman hoped that members could take the initiative to meet with school principals in the district to understand the needs of their schools and offer assistance to them, with a view to establishing partnerships with those schools.

Item 5: Date of Next Meeting

21. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 6 February 2025 (Thursday).

22. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:33 a.m.

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