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Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Housing, Planning and Social Welfare Committee of
Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)

Date : 7 August 2025 (Thursday)

Time : 11:00 a.m.

Venue : Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Mr LAM Ka-fai, Aaron, BBS, JP

Vice-Chairman

Mr LAM Wai-man, Raymond

Members

Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo

Ms WU Wanqiu

Mr LEE Wing-man, MH

Ms WU Sze-wan

Mr CHEUNG Tak-wai

Mr LEUNG Ping-kin

Mr CHAN Wai-ming, BBS, MH, JP

Mr CHAN Kwok-wai, MH

Mr CHAN Lung-kit

Ms CHEN Lihong

Ms CHUM Pik-wa

Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

Ms CHUNG Ching-may, MH

Dr PONG Chiu-fai, MH

Co-opted Member

Mr KWOK Chi-wah, Andrew

In Attendance

Miss CHAN Lok-tung, Agnes	Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1
Mr KWONG Ka-kuen	Senior Liaison Officer 4, Sham Shui Po District Office
Mr LAI Wing-hong, Mark	Senior Building Surveyor/D2, Buildings Department
Ms CHAN Sin-mei, May	Acting Senior Housing Manager/KWS1, Housing Department
Ms LO Yuen-fun	Senior Housing Manager/KWS2, Housing Department
Miss CHOW Mei-yee	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sham Shui Po)2, Social Welfare Department
Mr LAW Ho-hei, Matthew	Senior Town Planner /Sham Shui Po, Planning Department
Mr LI Yick-chun	Engineer/Kowloon 7, Drainage Services Department

Secretary

Miss CHUNG Keng-chin, Vivian	Executive Officer (District Council) 1, Sham Shui Po District Office
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Absent with Apologies

Mr SIU Kin-keung	Engineer/Kowloon (Distribution 2), Water Supplies Department
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the 10th meeting of the Housing, Planning and Social Welfare Committee (“HPSWC”) of the 7th term of the Sham Shui Po District Council.

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Housing, Planning and Social Welfare Committee

2. Members confirmed the above minutes.

Item 2: Concern about the Living Conditions of Subdivided Unit Households in Sham Shui Po and Future Support Measures (HPSWC Paper No. 8/2025)

3. A member presented Paper No. 8/2025.
4. Miss CHOW Mei-yee presented Response Paper No. 8a/2025.
5. Members raised the following: (i) enquired whether the Department could provide more accurate numbers of subdivided units (“SDUs”) in view of their yearly increase in the district; (ii) recognised the effectiveness of community living rooms, expressed concern over the support for hidden SDU households, and suggested that the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) should enhance its efforts in this area, such as by increasing the number of outreaching social work teams and home visits; (iii) enquired about the SWD support measures for ethnic minority SDU households in the district; (iv) suggested stepping up inspections and checks on issues like electrical safety in SDUs; (v) noted that inadequate understanding of the Basic Housing Bill (“the Bill”) was not uncommon for SDU households, and suggested more explanations by the SWD through the Community Networking Project; and (vi) suggested enhancing publicity by the SWD on the support measures to households affected by the Bill.
6. Miss CHOW Mei-yee responded that the Sham Shui Po District Social Welfare Office would follow up on members’ opinions: (i) would relay members’ opinions on provision of more support for SDU households to the Department; (ii) would strengthen collaboration with welfare service units and local groups, such as through home visits, distributing resource booklets and other channels, to identify SDU households in need and provide appropriate referral services; (iii) would strengthen outreaching service for ethnic minorities by collaborating with local service groups or the Support Service Centres for Ethnic Minorities under the Home Affairs Department to assist ethnic

minority SDU households in need in the district; (iv) would leverage cross-unit collaboration under the Community Networking Project to better understand the welfare service needs of SDU households in the district and provide appropriate support, including provision of information on the implementation of the Bill; and (v) suggested arranging regular talks for SDU residents by community living rooms to further enhance the dissemination of the latest information on the implementation of the Bill.

7. The Chairman concluded as follows: (i) members discussed the problems faced by SDU households in the district and ways to strengthen support for them; and (ii) members hoped that government departments would enhance collaboration with District Council members to jointly promote the implementation of the Basic Housing Unit regulatory regime, including strengthening policy publicity efforts and providing appropriate support to relevant stakeholders during the transition period.

Item 3: Information on Planning Applications of Sham Shui Po District (HPSWC Paper No. 9/2025)

8. Mr Matthew LAW presented Paper No. 9/2025.

9. Members noted the report.

Item 4: Any Other Business

10. Members raised the following: (i) enquired whether the Housing Department (“HD”) had stepped up its anti-mosquito work in response to the latest chikungunya fever cases in Hong Kong and the gravidtrap indices of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department; (ii) suggested strengthening HD publicity efforts for residents on information such as chikungunya fever symptoms and mosquito prevention measures; (iii) suggested proactively improving HD estate facilities, including the performance of drainage systems and the issues of uneven ground surfaces, or developing long-term solutions to prevent water accumulation in estates during bad weather, which would otherwise cause environmental hygiene problems; and (iv) suggested arranging HD representatives to attend meetings of various committees to exchange views with District Council members and jointly solve district issues.

11. Ms LO Yuen-fun responded as follows: (i) the Department’s anti-mosquito measures included regular spraying of mosquito repellent, applying mosquito larvicidal oil and temephos sand granules in nullahs, inspecting the estate areas and clearing refuse or leaves causing blockages after heavy rain, changing water in water-filled

barriers, and conducting regular slope cleaning. When the gravidtrap indices were high, the Department would step up the above mosquito prevention and control measures, and would disseminate mosquito prevention information to households, including distributing leaflets and reminding them to clear stagnant water at home; (ii) Members were encouraged to provide specific locations of the uneven ground surfaces after the meeting for the Department to follow up; and (iii) for Members' request for representatives to attend meetings of other committees, the Department would consider the arrangements in future having regard to the meeting agendas.

12. Committee members hoped that the HD would proactively consider sending representatives to attend meetings of relevant committees to communicate directly with Members.

13. The Chairman hoped that the HD would give serious consideration to Members' opinions.

Item 5: Date of Next Meeting

14. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 9 October 2025 (Thursday).

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:39 a.m.

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