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Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Housing, Planning and Social Welfare Committee of  
Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)

Date: 17 April 2025 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 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

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

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| Miss FUNG Yi-ching, Janice | Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2                                              |
| Mr KWONG Ka-kuen           | Senior Liaison Officer 4, Sham Shui Po District Office                                   |
| Mr LAI Wing-hong, Mark     | Senior Building Surveyor/D2, Buildings Department                                        |
| Mr CHAN Wai-wa             | Senior Housing Manager/KWS1, Housing Department                                          |
| Mr KOON Sing-kim           | Senior Housing Manager/KWS2, Housing Department                                          |
| Miss CHOW Mei-yee          | Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2,<br>Social Welfare Department |
| Mr LAW Ho-hei, Matthew     | Senior Town Planner/Sham Shui Po, Planning Department                                    |

Secretary

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

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| Mr SIU Kin-keung | Engineer/Kowloon (Distribution 2), Water Supplies<br>Department |
| Mr LI Yick-chun  | Engineer/Kowloon 7, Drainage Services Department                |

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the 8th meeting of the Housing, Planning and Social Welfare Committee (“HPSWC”) of the seventh term of the Sham Shui Po District Council.

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Housing, Planning and Social Welfare Committee

2. The Committee confirmed the above meeting minutes.

Item 2: Information on Planning Applications of Sham Shui Po District (HPSWC Paper No. 5/2025)

3. Members noted the report concerned.

Item 3: Any Other Business

4. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) expressed that recently, some food waste smart recycling bins (“FWSRBs”) in public rental housing (“PRH”) estates were found to be malfunctioning without timely repairs, preventing residents from earning points after recycling food waste. Also, some residents discarded food waste in nearby rubbish bins after finding the FWSRBs full, which affected environmental hygiene. In this regard, it was enquired whether the Department had an established mechanism for managing FWSRBs to improve the above situation; (ii) hoped that the Department would follow up on the issue of residents’ belongings frequently occupying the corridors in Hoi Shui House, Hoi Lai Estate; and (iii) stated that the removal of gift redemption units from the Recycling Stores in Tai Hang Tung Estate and Pak Tin Estate had caused inconvenience to residents. It was enquired whether the Department or the Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) would install gift redemption units in other locations, or provide more gifts for residents to redeem at nearby GREEN@COMMUNITY recycling points.

5. Mr KOON Sing-kim gave a consolidated response: (i) the Department would proactively contact the contractor for prompt repairs if any malfunctioning FWSRB was found, and notices would be posted to inform residents of other available FWSRBs; (ii) residents could check their recycling records and points through the GREEN\$ Mobile App, or consult staff at the GREEN@COMMUNITY recycling points about points earning matters. According to the EPD, each account could receive up to 50 points per day for recycling food waste, and recycling records could be found in their App accounts; (iii) the Department had asked staff of the estate offices to strengthen cleaning of FWSRBs and the surrounding areas, and closely monitor the fill level of FWSRBs. If necessary, traditional food waste bins would be placed beside the FWSRBs for food waste collection. Moreover, individual estate offices could contact and provide the EPD with data on the recycling status of FWSRBs, including recycling volume and other information, for monitoring and record-keeping purposes; (iv) the Department had maintained close communication with the EPD regarding the monthly recycling volumes. Individual PRH estates could request more recycling bins from the EPD in view of the volume of food waste collected by the FWSRBs, so as to address the issue of overfilled bins; (v) the Department and the EPD regularly organised promotional activities in PRH estates to encourage the use of FWSRBs and remind residents to maintain environmental hygiene; and (vi) regarding the relocation of the gift redemption units, the Department would provide a response after clarifying the details.

[Post-meeting note: According to the EPD, efforts were being made to promote the use of GREEN\$ Mobile App for redeeming e-coupons or green products with points. With the introduction of the new e-point redemption feature in the GREEN\$ Mobile App and more diverse reward options, the Department was phasing out the gift redemption units from February to late May this year for more effective use of public resources.]

6. Mr CHAN Wai-wa gave a consolidated response: (i) regarding the issue of residents' belongings occupying corridors, the Department would provide a response after clarifying the details; (ii) upon receiving a notification that an FWSRB was approximately 80% full, staff of the estate office would replace

the bin as soon as possible; (iii) the Department would strengthen cleaning around the FWSRBs; (iv) the current FWSRBs allowed food waste to be disposed of together with plastic bags, which was convenient and also helped reduce mess in the surroundings; and (v) the Department would check with the EPD regarding the relocation of the gift redemption units and would promptly notify Members of the new locations once available.

[Post-meeting note: Regarding residents' belongings occupying common areas in the corridors, the estate office took enforcement action and cleared the items concerned on 16 April, and notified the relevant Members of the follow-up results on 18 April.]

7. Miss CHOW Mei-yee invited Members to attend a 2025 Policy Address consultation session organised by the Sham Shui Po District Social Welfare Office on 2 May to gather opinions on welfare measures from local stakeholders for the upcoming Policy Address. The second part of the session would be a joint meeting of the Coordinating Committees in Sham Shui Po District, during which an overview of the Social Welfare Department's "District Services and Community Care Teams – Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers" would be presented, and the Un Chau and Mei Foo Central Care Teams would be invited to share experiences to foster communication between local stakeholders and the Care Teams.

8. Mr CHAN Wai-wa invited Members to a tea gathering on 9 May, aiming to enhance communication through the exchange of views.

#### Item 4: Date of Next Meeting

9. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 12 June 2025 (Thursday).

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:46 a.m.

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