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Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Youth, Community Development and Innovation Committee of
Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)

Date: 8 August 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Mr HO Kwan-chau

Vice-Chairman

Mr LEUNG Ping-kin

Members

Ms WU Wanqiu

Ms WU Sze-wan

Mr CHEUNG Tak-wai

Mr CHAN Wai-ming, BBS, MH, JP

Mr CHAN Kwok-wai, MH

Mr CHAN Lung-kit

Ms CHEN Lihong

Ms CHUM Pik-wa

Dr WONG Chung-leung, JP

Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

Ms CHUNG Ching-may, MH

Mr LO Chi-chiu

Dr PONG Chiu-fai, MH

Co-opted Members

Mr LAM Wai-keung

Mr CHAN Ling-lik

In Attendance

Miss FUNG Yi-ching, Janice

Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2

Ms YUEN Pui-yuk, Quinnie

Senior Liaison Officer 2, Sham Shui Po District Office

Mr YEUNG Tsz-hin

Senior School Development Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1, Education Bureau

Ms LEUNG Shui-toi, Polo

Social Work Officer 1 (Planning & Coordinating), Sham Shui Po

Mr SUEN Sze-ming	District Social Welfare Office, Social Welfare Department Assistant Police Community Relations Officer (Sham Shui Po District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms CHUNG Kit-sum, Candy	Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Police Community Relation Office, Sham Shui Po District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHOI Wing-yiu	Station Commander Kowloon Tong Fire Station / Acting Assistant Divisional Officer, Fire Services Department
Mr SZ-TO Wang-pan	Senior Station Officer, Mongkok Fire Station, Fire Services Department
Ms TSE Siu-lee	Supervisor (Youth S.P.O.Ts), The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Mr TAM King-ching	Unit-in-charge, Community Team Sports Office, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Ms MA Pui-man	Unit-in-charge, Wellness PLUS Complex, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Ms NG Yue-fan	Development Officer, Wellness PLUS Complex, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups

Secretary

Miss LO Ki-chi, Becky	Assistant Executive Manager (District Council) 5, Sham Shui Po District Office
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Absent

Mr WONG Chun-hung, Hanson

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the 4th meeting of the Youth, Community Development and Innovation Committee (“YCDIC”) of the seventh term of the Sham Shui Po District Council (“SSPDC”), including co-opted members Mr CHAN Ling-lik and Mr LAM Wai-keung.

2. The Secretariat received the Notification of Absence from Meetings from Mr Hanson WONG before the meeting, stating that he had to attend an important business conference and therefore could not attend the meeting. As the reason for Mr WONG’s absence was not one of those listed in Order 64(5) of the SSPDC Standing Orders, the Committee did not give consent to his application for absence.

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Youth, Community Development and Innovation Committee

3. The minutes were confirmed without amendment.

Item 2: Fire Awareness Promotion Programme for the Youth and Ethnic Minorities in Sham Shui Po District (YCDIC Paper No. 3/2024)

4. A member introduced Paper No. 3/2024.

5. Mr SZ-TO Wang-pan responded with a slide presentation and gave an overview of the Ethnic Minority Community Emergency Preparedness Participation (Pilot) Scheme (“the Scheme”).

6. A member enquired about the ethnic groups and target service population covered by the Scheme.

7. Mr SZ-TO Wang-pan gave a consolidated response: (i) the participants of the Scheme were mostly Nepalese and Pakistani, with a small number being Indian; and (ii) there was currently no specified target number of participants for the Scheme, but different

indicators would be set, including the number of activities to be held.

8. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) believed that ethnic minorities hoped to understand the community and participate in more community activities, and it was hoped that the Scheme could go deeper into the community with collaboration with different stakeholders to strengthen promotion and publicity; (ii) enquired if promotional materials were available in multiple languages and suggested distributing them with the assistance of Members; (iii) enquired about the Department's channels to reach out to ethnic minorities; (iv) enquired if all households were eligible to apply for the installation of fire detectors; (v) suggested encouraging more ethnic minority leaders to participate in the community, so that they could bring various information back to their respective ethnic groups; (vi) suggested promoting and educating about fire awareness in areas or streets with a relatively large number of ethnic minority shops; and (vii) hoped that the Department could share the methods and experiences for engaging with ethnic minority youth.

9. Mr SZ-TO Wang-pan gave a consolidated response: (i) the Fire Services Department ("FSD") hoped to strengthen cooperation with the SSPDC and invited Members to recommend suitable ethnic minority groups for further promotion of the Scheme; (ii) promotional leaflets in different ethnic minority languages would be provided to Members for assistance in distribution; (iii) some promotional materials would incorporate elements of ethnic minorities to attract their attention to fire safety and activities organised by FSD; (iv) residential units approved by the Building Authority for residential use could purchase and install stand-alone fire detectors on their own, and would be exempt from annual inspections by fire service installation contractors; (v) the Scheme had only been implemented for less than a year, and the FSD would continue to seek cooperation with different organisations; (vi) the Department found suitable ethnic minority youth mainly through the District Office, non-governmental organisations ("NGOs"), and school organisations, and it was hoped that all sectors could continue to assist in promoting the FSD activities; and (vii) the Department would offer fire safety courses for ethnic minorities at Mongkok Fire Station and Lai Chi Kok Fire Station, including approximately two hours of content mainly in English, with assistance from

ethnic minority fire services members.

10. The Chairman concluded that: (i) thanked FSD for introducing the Scheme, and recognised the importance of fire safety in the community. The Scheme was praised not only for promoting fire safety, but also encouraging ethnic minority youth to continue participating in and serving the community; and (ii) hoped that FSD would continue to collaborate with SSPDC, Care Teams, and “the three committees” in the future to further promote community participation in fire safety activities and programmes.

Item 3: The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups: Introduction of the Services in Wellness Plus Complex and the Community Team Sports Lab Development

11. Ms TSE Siu-lee gave an overview of the services of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (“HKFYG”): (i) HKFYG was established in 1960 and had been working closely with Sham Shui Po District; and (ii) the newly completed Wellness Plus Complex was located on Kiu Kiang Street and would provide one-stop services in a brand new form.

12. Ms MA Pui-man gave an overview of the Wellness Plus Complex with a slide presentation.

13. Mr TAM King-ching gave an overview of the Community Team Sports Lab services with a slide presentation.

14. Ms TSE Siu-lee added that: (i) the three major steps of youth-oriented health management include education, intervention and support, and accompanied practice; and (ii) hoped to connect resources from various sectors and explore different service areas.

15. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) enquired about the eligibility for members of the public to apply for membership, as well as the fee standards for services and facilities at the Wellness Plus Complex; (ii) enquired about the target service population of the Wellness Plus Complex and whether the service targets were limited to residents within the district, as well as whether specific support would be provided for ethnic minority youth; (iii) enquired about the sustainability, sources of funding, and staffing of various projects of the Wellness Plus Complex; (iv) enquired about

the positioning of the services and the reasons for establishing the complex in Sham Shui Po; (v) enquired how to encourage young people to participate in community affairs and serve the community through the services offered; (vi) suggested collaborating with SSPDC and local organisations to promote overall development of the youth; (vii) suggested incorporating elements that promoted Chinese culture and sense of national identity to cultivate correct values in young people; (viii) suggested including Mainland exchange programmes to encourage young people to get to know the country; (ix) suggested collaborating with schools to address school bullying issues; (x) suggested moderately expanding the service scope to include the age group of 35 to 50 to meet the needs of different age groups; (xi) enquired about the qualification certification and pathways of a public health practitioner; (xii) enquired how HKFYG collaborated and distinguished responsibilities with existing organisations that provided Special Educational Needs (“SEN”) services; and (xiii) enquired about the support and case tracking methods for the youth experiencing emotional distress.

16. Ms TSE Siu-lee gave a consolidated response: (i) the Wellness Plus Complex would take root in Sham Shui Po in the long run; (ii) HKFYG’s service network covered the entire Hong Kong, including over 90 service units. The living environment in the Sham Shui Po community had given rise to various problems. HKFYG aimed to develop services centred around Sham Shui Po, taking into account the unique situation of the community, to provide equitable participation opportunities and early intervention services for young people; (iii) HKFYG had been integrating resources from different enterprises and NGOs, and hoped to receive support from the Government and SSPDC in the future to continue exploring issues that required attention in the district; (iv) individuals aged between 6 and 35 could register as members of HKFYG for free, while other age groups could also register as friends of HKFYG for free. Fees for activities were based on demand and resources; (v) HKFYG did not specifically focus on promoting the participation of ethnic minority youth but welcomed them to join; (vi) HKFYG had always attached great importance to the national identity of young people. In the past, it had participated in sports exchange activities in the Greater Bay Area and held the annual “China Week” in July to deepen youth understanding of the development of Chinese

history. Efforts would be made to further promote related work in Sham Shui Po District in the future; and (vii) in terms of mental health support, young people in need could not only seek online resources, but could also contact HKFYG directly or through channels such as schools, and HKFYG could assist in matching suitable support services.

17. Ms MA Pui-man gave a consolidated response: (i) at present, service information was mainly disseminated to young people through online channels, street counters in front of schools and the Complex, and promotional materials inside the Complex; (ii) in terms of public health practitioner training, taking the training course for public health manager as an example, the course included eight three-hour face-to-face lessons, four hours of online learning, and two practical sessions. During the class, social workers, doctors, and nurses would provide guidance. The course aimed to stimulate young people's interest in social and medical services, enhancing their understanding of related fields, and provide them with opportunities to serve the community; (iii) the Wellness Plus Complex would hold a market event every month and it was planned to organise district health day in the future, bringing community education and participation, comprehensive assessment, and timely intervention (i.e. E.A.T. strategy) into the community; (iv) school bullying was one of the holistic health concerns, and HKFYG currently provided crisis training for schools to enhance their ability to prevent and respond to school bullying; (v) unlike general health centres, HKFYG provided youth-oriented health care services; and (vi) the Jockey Club "We WATCH Healthy Lifestyle Project", which was targeted at people aged 35 to 50, aimed to enhance the health management abilities of individuals in the age group.

18. Mr TAM King-ching gave a consolidated response: (i) since establishing the Complex in Sham Shui Po District, HKFYD had organised a number of community explorations, and would consider organising more activities such as visiting residential care homes for the elderly in the future to provide opportunities for young people to serve the elderly in the district; (ii) the implementation of SEN services in Sham Shui Po District was one of the key priorities of HKFYG for the coming year. Given that the attention building groups for SEN groups tended to be static, HKFYG advocated the inclusion of sports elements to enhance effectiveness; (iii) HKFYG had been organising various activities to promote exchanges between athletes in the district and national athletes; (iv)

benefiting from the Hong Kong Jockey Club's funding for five years, the majority of future activities would be free of charge; and (v) hoped to collaborate with commercial and industrial organisations and various NGOs in Sham Shui Po in the future to expand the services to different targets in the district.

19. The Chairman concluded that: (i) appreciated the comprehensive services provided by the Wellness Plus Complex and Community Team Sports Lab, which catered to the diverse needs of young people; and (ii) hoped Members could promote them to young people in the community.

Item 4: Any other business

20. Members did not raise any other business.

Item 5: Date of next meeting

21. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 17 October 2024 (Thursday).

22. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:18 a.m.

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