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Minutes of the 12th Meeting of Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)
of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Date : 4 November 2025 (Tuesday)

Time : 9:30 a.m.

Venue : Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Mr WONG Ho-yu, Oscar, JP

Members

Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo

Ms WU Wanqiu

Mr LEE Wing-man, MH

Mr LAM Ka-fai, Aaron, BBS, JP

Mr LAM Wai-man, Raymond

Ms WU Sze-wan

Mr CHEUNG Tak-wai

Mr LEUNG Ping-kin

Ms KWOK Yin-lai, MH

Mr CHAN Wai-ming, BBS, MH, JP

Mr CHAN Kwok-wai, MH

Mr CHAN Lung-kit

Ms CHEN Lihong

Ms CHUM Pik-wa

Mr WONG Chun-hung, Hanson

Dr WONG Chung-leung, MH, JP

Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

Ms CHUNG Ching-may, MH

Mr LO Chi-chiu

Dr PONG Chiu-fai, MH

In Attendance

Miss CHAN Lok-tung, Agnes	Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1
Miss WONG Yi-sze, Stella	Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2
Ms YAN Yuet-han, Fion	Senior Liaison Officer 1, Sham Shui Po District Office
Ms YUEN Pui-yuk, Quinnie	Senior Liaison Officer 2, Sham Shui Po District Office
Mr KWONG Ka-kuen	Senior Liaison Officer 4, Sham Shui Po District Office
Ms LEUNG Ka-ye, Carol	Liaison Officer-in-charge (DFMC&LCK), Sham Shui Po District Office
Mr CHU Man-lung, Ernest	District Commander (Sham Shui Po District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms MOK Oi-him, Joyce	Police Community Relations Officer (Sham Shui Po District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHAN Chi-man, Chapman	Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 1, Transport Department
Ms NG Sau-ling, Steffi	Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms HO Po-chu	District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Wai-nang	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sham Shui Po), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHAU Chun-yin	Chief Health Inspector (Sham Shui Po) 3, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr YEUNG Chong-tak, Clarence	Chief Engineer/South and Sustainable Lantau 1, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr SIT Siu-chi, Simon	Chief School Development Officer (Sham Shui Po), Education Bureau
Miss MA Tsui-yung	District Social Welfare Officer (Sham Shui Po), Social Welfare Department
Ms LO Yuen-fun	Senior Housing Manager/KWS2, Housing Department
Ms TAM Chung-yan, Joanna	Chief Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector 1, Department of Health
Mr WONG Man-sing, Barry	Executive Director, Lok Kwan Social Service
Mr TSE Ka-lok, Hewitt	Head of the Prince Edward Community Living Room Project

Secretary

Mr LAM Ka-yeung, Neil	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sham Shui Po District Office
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 12th meeting of the 7th term Sham Shui Po District Council (“SSPDC”).

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the 7th Term Sham Shui Po District Council

2. The minutes of the 11th meeting were confirmed without amendment.

Item 2: Concern about Youth Etomidate Consumption in Sham Shui Po District (SSPDC Paper No. 56/2025)

3. Mr Leo HO presented Paper No. 56/2025.
4. Mr Ernest CHU responded as follows: (i) the related issue was previously discussed at the Youth, Community Development and Innovation Committee meeting on 19 June, reflecting the community’s concern over youth drug abuse; (ii) the Police were highly concerned about the growing use of etomidate and had adopted a multi-pronged approach, including law enforcement, prevention, and education, to comprehensively combat the issue; (iii) law enforcement was intelligence-led, focusing on striking drug trafficking at source, and online patrols were also conducted to intercept drug trafficking activities via social media and other online platforms; (iv) according to data from the first three quarters of 2025, drug activities in the Sham Shui Po Police District were predominantly related to traditional drugs, while youth-related etomidate cases accounted for only a small proportion of all drug cases in the district. The Police emphasised that while the situation was not serious, they would remain vigilant and continue to strengthen enforcement; (v) the Police introduced rapid testing tools and set up a reporting hotline at 6629 2966 to more effectively tackle the etomidate issue; (vi) the Police attached great importance to preventive education and community collaboration, with educational strategies for different age groups, such as the interactive anti-drug theatre for primary students and the establishment of the “Anti-Drug Leadership Academy” for secondary and tertiary students; (vii) at district level, the Sham Shui Po Police District collaborated with the Fight Crime Committee in October 2025 to raise public awareness about the harmful effects of etomidate, with initiatives including interactive games and drug scent simulations featured on the Promotion Truck, as well as a community anti-drug band show; (viii) the Sham Shui Po Police District conducted 36 anti-drug talks and activities on school campuses from January to September 2025, and publicity efforts would focus on new students in the

next three months. The Police would also hold principal exchange meetings and participate in the activities by the Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations Sham Shui Po District Limited in October and November to share and discuss anti-drug education efforts with parents, students, and representatives from over 50 schools in the district; and (ix) the Sham Shui Po Police District looked forward to continuous collaboration with local stakeholders to combat drug problems, protect the health of young people, and maintain community safety.

5. Dr WONG Chung-leung raised the following: (i) schools in the district expressed appreciation to the Police for maintaining communication with schools and providing updated publicity materials and information, and schools would continue to co-operate closely; and (ii) schools would address youth misconception that drug abuse was trendy or fashionable by heightening students' awareness, clarifying the harmful effects and instilling proper values.

6. Mr LEE Wing-man suggested strengthening Police publicity on the etomidate reporting hotline to encourage the public to provide information directly.

7. Ms CHUNG Ching-may raised the following: (i) hoped that the Police would further publicise among young people the physical harms of etomidate to enhance deterrence; and (ii) suggested targeting youth hotspots as publicity starting points, such as industrial buildings, party rooms, and band rehearsal rooms, and engaging their management companies or owners to promote the Police etomidate reporting hotline.

8. Dr PONG Chiu-fai raised the following: (i) enquired about the Police online patrol, including how to track drug trafficking information on instant messaging platforms; (ii) suggested strengthening Police efforts in tracking and intercepting drugs at source to reduce the supply; and (iii) suggested strengthening support for those in drug treatment.

9. Mr Ernest CHU gave a consolidated response: (i) the Police had strengthened efforts to raise public vigilance and awareness of etomidate abuse harms, and to encourage teachers, social workers, and venue managers who had frequent contact with young people to share information with the Police for more effective crime-fighting; (ii) from 30 April 2026, possession of specified alternative smoking products, including electronic smoking products, heated tobacco products, and herbal cigarettes, would be prohibited in public places. This was to tackle the problem of etomidate abuse where electronic smoking products were the primary means of consumption; (iii) the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau had stepped up patrols within large community chat groups on a number of instant messaging platforms and collaborated with Customs

and Excise Department (“C&ED”) to intercept the import of etomidate from the top of the logistics chain; and (iv) the Narcotics Division under the Security Bureau was tasked with co-ordinating policies and measures to combat drug issues, including working with the Action Committee Against Narcotics in the enactment of legislation, implementation of education and publicity programmes, and review of treatment work.

10. The Chairman concluded as follows: (i) extended thanks to the Police representative for the responses and to Members for their opinions; and (ii) took the opportunity to express gratitude to Ms Joyce MOK for her contributions to Sham Shui Po District and the District Council, and to welcome Mr LUK Hon-kit, the incoming Police Community Relations Officer, to his new role in the district.

Item 3: Stepping up Efforts to Combat Sales of Illicit Cigarettes in Sham Shui Po District (SSPDC Paper No. 57/2025)

11. Ms LAU Pui-yuk presented Paper No. 57/2025.

12. Ms Joanna TAM presented Response Paper No. 57b/2025.

13. Ms LAU Pui-yuk raised the following: the situation regarding illicit cigarette black spots mentioned in the Paper remained severe, with continuous complaints from the public. It was expected that the C&ED and relevant departments would strengthen proactive enforcement, such as focusing inspections on concealed locations like back alleys.

14. Ms WU Wanqiu raised the following: (i) the distribution of flyers promoting illicit cigarettes in public housing estates was prevalent, with two to three flyers received daily in flats in estates such as Hoi Lai Estate, Un Chau Estate, Fortune Estate and So Uk Estate, causing a nuisance; (ii) expressed concern that flyers promoting illicit cigarettes might exert an adverse influence on young people; and (iii) enquired about the joint anti-illicit cigarette publicity campaign and enforcement actions conducted by the C&ED and the Housing Department (“HD”).

15. Ms CHUM Pik-wa raised the following: (i) the serious problem of illicit cigarettes in public housing estates reflected that publicity efforts to combat such activities might be inadequate; (ii) enquired whether the C&ED and the HD had specific follow-up actions or referral mechanisms for handling cases of illicit cigarettes in public housing estates; (iii) enquired whether the HD would issue notices to remind other residents not to defy the law if public housing tenants were found to have involved in illegal activities; and (iv) enquired whether C&ED had ever conducted undercover

operations by posing as customers to track down illicit cigarette sellers and warehouses, thereby combating the illegal activities at source.

16. Ms Joanna TAM gave a consolidated response: (i) the Department of Health had established mechanisms with the C&ED, the Police, and the HD to address the issue of distribution of smoking product flyers in public housing estates. The Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office (“TACO”) generally would conduct investigations, follow-ups, or prosecutions upon receiving complaints or referrals; (ii) the TACO would continue conducting joint enforcement operations and/or publicity campaigns with the C&ED, the Police and the HD; (iii) from 2021 to September 2025, the TACO successfully prosecuted nearly 20 contravention cases, with the maximum fine amounting to HK\$8,000. Three of these cases involved Sham Shui Po District; (iv) the TACO would undertake appropriate evidence-gathering and enforcement actions (including posing as customers) based on the circumstances of each case; and (v) in addition to continuing to monitor and combat print advertisements for smoking products, the TACO would also follow up on advertisements for smoking products on the internet and social media platforms, including attempting to remove relevant webpages and social media accounts.

17. Ms LO Yuen-fun gave a consolidated response regarding C&ED referrals: (i) there was an established mechanism between the HD and C&ED whereby the HD would follow up upon receiving notification of C&ED prosecution cases; (ii) should a tenant use a public housing flat for illegal purposes (including the possession or sale of illicit cigarettes), conviction would constitute a breach of the Tenancy Agreement, potentially leading to termination of the tenancy; and (iii) where a convicted individual was a family member of the tenant and the tenant had no knowledge of it, points would be allotted under the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement. Accumulation of 16 points within two years would result in termination of the tenancy.

18. The Chairman concluded as follows: (i) hoped that all departments would continue to collaborate in law enforcement against illicit cigarettes, implement measures with deterrent effect, actively follow up on referred cases, and step up enforcement actions at targeted black spots; and (ii) the Secretariat would relay Members’ suggestions to the C&ED.

[Post-meeting note: the Secretariat relayed Members’ suggestions to the C&ED on 12 December.]

Item 4: Pilot Programme on Community Living Room - Prince Edward Community Living Room Project

19. Mr Barry WONG presented Paper No. 55/2025.
20. Mr CHAN Kwok-wai enquired whether there was a communication and co-ordination mechanism among community living rooms within the district for organising diverse and distinctive activities through collaborative efforts, thereby providing members with a wider range of options.
21. Mr LEUNG Ping-kin raised the following: (i) enquired about the capacity of the Prince Edward Community Living Room (“PECLR”); (ii) enquired whether residents of different memberships would be advised to visit the community living room near their residence to avoid resource duplication; and (iii) enquired whether the operator would promote and introduce the Basic Housing Units Ordinance (“BHU Ordinance”), which would come into effect on 1 March 2026, to its members.
22. Ms KWOK Yin-lai suggested installing equipment suitable for the elderly to exercise their lower limbs in the fitness area of the PECLR.
23. Mr Barry WONG gave a consolidated response: (i) each community living room varied in size, capacity, services and facilities. Residents might have membership at all four community living rooms within the district simultaneously, choosing to use the facilities and services of any one venue. Service details and bookings could be accessed via a mobile app; (ii) the PECLR had an annual service target of at least 500 family memberships, with no upper limit; (iii) the four community living rooms within the district engaged in regular exchanges and collaborated as required; (iv) any household wishing to apply for membership must undergo eligibility verification and needs assessment by a social worker. Should needs beyond the scope of the community living room be identified, the applicant would be referred, with their consent, to relevant government departments, social welfare organisations, and District Council Members’ ward offices for follow-up; and (v) having considered the needs of the elderly, low-impact workout equipment had been installed within the PECLR.
24. Mr CHAN Lung-kit raised the following: (i) enquired whether the PECLR would provide emotional support for grassroots families; (ii) enquired whether the PECLR would provide members with information on social housing or the BHU Ordinance; and (iii) enquired about the membership recruitment and renewal policies of the PECLR, and hoped that resources would be secured for the use of Sham Shui Po District.

25. Mr Hanson WONG raised the following: (i) suggested collaboration between the operator and community organisations, Scouts, the Road Safety Patrol, etc. to provide the PECLR youth members with more opportunities to participate in community activities, thereby enhancing their sense of community belonging and self-identity; and (ii) suggested collaborating with local businesses and community organisations to offer various aspects of daily living supports (such as meals) to PECLR members.

26. Dr PONG Chiu-fai raised the following: (i) suggested reaching out to more potential service users in three-nil buildings or old buildings through visits and promotion by the Care Teams or District Council Members; and (ii) enquired whether the PECLR operator would offer support to its members who were living in subdivided units in the light of the implementation of the BHU Ordinance.

27. Mr Barry WONG gave a consolidated response: (i) besides skill training classes and handicraft classes, the PECLR also provided emotional support and counselling services to help its members cope with everyday emotional stress; (ii) the PECLR proactively provided members with social housing information, such as transitional housing, Light Public Housing, and the BHU Ordinance; (iii) Lok Kwan Social Service was also the operator of the Information Portal of Subdivided Unit District Service Teams under the Housing Bureau to help enhance public understanding of the tenancy control on subdivided units and related government resources; (iv) proactive consideration would be given to contacting other organisations to secure additional community resources in support of a broader range of residents; and (v) the PECLR was conveniently and prominently located at street level, and Members were called on to assist in promoting its various services.

28. The Chairman concluded as follows: (i) extended thanks to the representative of Lok Kwan Social Service for introducing the PECLR in detail; and (ii) looked forward to collaboration among the District Office, the District Council and the PECLR to improve the lives of local grassroots families and enhance their sense of well-being.

[Post-meeting note: the Secretariat would arrange a visit to the PECLR for Sham Shui Po District Council Members on 12 January.]

Item 5: Schedule of Meetings of SSPDC and its Committees in 2026 (SSPDC Paper No. 58/2025)

29. The Council noted and approved the meeting schedule.

Item 6: Reports of Committees and Working Group Directly under the SSPDC

- (a) District Facilities and Works Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 59/2025)
- (b) Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 60/2025)
- (c) Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 61/2025)
- (d) Traffic and Transport Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 62/2025)
- (e) Housing, Planning and Social Welfare Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 63/2025)
- (f) Youth, Community Development and Innovation Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 64/2025)
- (g) Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (SSPDC Paper No. 65/2025)

30. The Council noted and approved the contents of the above reports.

Item 7: Any Other Business

31. The Chairman remarked that, with the 2025 Legislative Council General Election approaching, Members, as key components of the “troika” in district governance, were expected to make proactive efforts in support of relevant publicity work and encourage the public to vote actively. The District Office would soon invite Members to film promotional videos to further promote and disseminate the message of active participation in voting.

Item 8: Date of Next Meeting

32. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 6 January 2026 (Tuesday).

33. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:04 a.m.

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