

**Summary of the Minutes of  
the 6th Meeting of the Sha Tin District Council (2014 Session)**

The 6th meeting of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) (2014 session) was held on 20 November 2014. The major issues discussed are summarised below:

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 25 September 2014**

2. Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael proposed to amend paragraph 48.
3. The amended minutes were confirmed unanimously.

**Visit of Director of Health**

4. Director of Health briefed members on the work of the Department of Health.
5. Replies of Director of Health to members' questions and proposals are summarised below:

(a) Dental Services

- (i) Services provided by the Department of Health were prevention-oriented, such as the School Dental Care Service. Emergency dental services for the public were available from 11 government dental clinics.
- (ii) Dental services provided to serving and retired civil servants were part of the conditions of service.
- (iii) The Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme also covered dental service, and about 500 dentists had joined the Scheme. Nevertheless, the Department of Health would consider the proposal of implementing a voucher scheme on elderly dental service.
- (iv) "Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres" had become a regular programme. The target groups included patients at convalescent homes under the Hospital Authority and elderly people at nursing homes registered with the Department of Health. There were altogether 22 outreach teams, and in Sha Tin the outreach services were provided by Yan Oi Tong.

- (v) For elderly people with financial difficulties, eligible recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance might approach the 61 dental clinics designated by the Social Welfare Department for dental examination and cost estimation, and then receive treatment from any registered dentists in Hong Kong.
  - (vi) The Community Care Fund had set aside \$100 million to subsidise eligible elderly people for dental services. Enhanced arrangements were made to expand the number of beneficiaries.
  - (vii) Handicapped students or students with intellectual disability studying in schools that had joined the School Dental Care Service could enjoy relevant dental services until 18 years old.
  - (viii) Considering the gigantic resources required, dental services provided by the government targeted mainly at elderly people with financial difficulties.
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- (b) In Sha Tin, woman health care services were available from the Lek Yuen Maternal and Child Health Centre and the Ma On Shan Maternal and Child Health Centre.
  - (c) Vaccination strategies were formulated on the basis of the recommendations of the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases. Regular smear tests would still be necessary after vaccination against human papillomavirus. As for the use of rotavirus vaccine on children, it was not recommended for the time being.
  - (d) General out-patient services were provided by the Hospital Authority. Services provided by the Department of Health included maternal and childcare services, woman health care services, elderly health care services and other specialist services. The Department of Health would monitor the utilisation of various services and take corresponding action.
  - (e) Regarding the Ebola virus disease, the government had learned from the experience during the SARS outbreak and introduced legislation in accordance with the International Health Regulations. Besides procuring personal protective equipment for use by healthcare workers, infection control training was provided to both the healthcare workers and supporting staff.

- (f) Talks were held to publicise information on dengue fever.
- (g) Publicity on the harmful effects of alcohol had been stepped up in recent years.
- (h) Regarding the regulation of electronic cigarettes, electronic cigarettes containing nicotine should be registered with the Department of Health. The government would continue to keep in view further developments.
- (i) The regulation of Chinese medicines was undertaken by the Chinese Medicine Council, with support provided by the Department of Health. Under the current testing system, the situation was generally satisfactory. Chinese medicine service provided by the Hospital Authority was available in the 18 districts in various forms.
- (j) There was a breastfeeding room in the Sha Tin Office of the Immigration Department.

## **Matters Discussed**

### **Updated Member Lists of the STDC Committees**

6. The Council endorsed the above paper unanimously.

### **The STDC to Serve as Event Supporter**

7. The Council unanimously endorsed the STDC serving as supporter of Ronald McDonald House Open Day Charity Stroll Green Carnival organised by Ronald McDonald House Charities.

## **Information Items**

### **Reports of the STDC Committees**

8. The Council noted the reports of the District Facilities Management Committee, the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee, the Education and Welfare Committee, the Development and Housing Committee, the Traffic and Transport Committee, the Health and Environment Committee, and the Finance and General Affairs Committee.

### **Financial Account of the STDC as at 11 November 2014**

9. The Council noted the above paper.

Revised Budget for the Sha Tin District Council as at 11 November 2014

10. The Council noted the above paper.

Report of the District Management Committee

11. Several members expressed concern over the Shui Chuen O Estate project.
12. District Officer (Sha Tin) said that the Housing Department would arrange for site visits by members in early 2015 and attend various STDC committees in the future when necessary.
13. Replies of representative of the Housing Department regarding the Shui Chuen O Estate project are summarised below:
- (a) Besides site visits, inter-departmental meetings would be held to discuss arrangements made for the occupation of Shui Chuen O Estate.
  - (b) There would be appropriate community facilities in Shui Chuen O Estate.
  - (c) The Shui Chuen O Estate project was implemented in phases, and the lift tower, covered pedestrian link and barrier-free access would run through the estate to facilitate residents travelling to locations like Sha Tin Wai Station and Pok Hong Estate.
  - (d) Door keys for Blocks 6 and 7 of Shui Chuen O Estate would be distributed to residents in April 2015. As the transport exchange station would not come into service until the end of May 2015, bus service for the residents of Blocks 6 and 7 would be provided in April and May 2015.
  - (e) To allow more flexibility, market stalls were currently sublet to tenancies by a single contractor. As for the shops of shopping centres, the Housing Department would invite tenancies mostly by way of open tender.
  - (f) For safety sake, arrangement for site visits would not be made until after the occupation permit was issued.
14. Replies of representative of the Social Welfare Department regarding the Shui Chuen

O Estate project are summarised below:

- (a) The Social Welfare Department and the Housing Department hoped that there would be space available for setting up sub-offices of integrated youth service centres.
- (b) Neighbourhood Elderly Centres provided community support services at the neighbourhood level, whereas day centres provided care and support services during daytime for frail elders.

15. The Council noted the above paper.

**Next Meeting**

16. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 22 January 2015.