

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 5th Meeting of
the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee in 2019

Date : 5 September 2019 (Thursday)
Time : 10:00 am
Venue : Sha Tin District Council Conference Room
 4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

<u>Present</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Mr CHIU Man-leong (Chairman)	DC Member	10:00 am	11:09 am
Ms CHAN Man-kuen (Vice-Chairman)	"	10:10 am	11:09 am
Mr HO Hau-cheung, SBS, MH	DC Chairman	10:00 am	11:09 am
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	10:00 am	11:09 am
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	"	10:22 am	11:09 am
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	"	10:00 am	11:09 am
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	"	10:36 am	11:09 am
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	"	10:21 am	10:57 am
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	10:57 am	11:09 am
Ms LAM Chung-yan	"	10:00 am	10:56 am
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	"	10:00 am	10:44 am
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	10:00 am	11:09 am
Mr LI Sai-wing	"	10:00 am	10:26 am
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	10:00 am	11:09 am
Mr MAK Yun-pui	"	10:00 am	10:52 am
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	"	10:00 am	10:40 am
Mr NG Kam-hung	"	10:20 am	11:09 am
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH, JP	"	10:00 am	10:48 am
Mr SIU Hin-hong	"	10:13 am	11:09 am
Mr TONG Hok-leung	"	10:00 am	11:09 am
Ms TSANG So-lai	"	10:48 am	11:09 am
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	"	10:00 am	11:09 am
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	10:00 am	11:09 am
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	"	10:00 am	10:58 am
Mr WONG Hok-lai	"	10:21 am	11:09 am
Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH	"	10:00 am	11:09 am
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	"	10:00 am	11:09 am
Mr WONG Yue-hon	"	10:00 am	11:09 am
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	10:10 am	11:09 am
Mr YIP Wing	"	10:20 am	11:09 am
Mr YIU Ka-chun, MH	"	10:12 am	11:09 am
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	10:36 am	11:09 am
Ms WONG Hei-lam, Helen (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)2/ Sha Tin District Office		

In Attendance

Ms LI Po-yi, Jan

Ms CHAN Yee-chi, Elaine

Ms LEE Mei-yee

Ms CHAN Siu-kin, Ester

Mr LEUNG Cheuk-ming, Rico

Ms TSANG Suet-man

Ms CHENG Siu-ling, Katy

Ms LEUNG Wai-shan, Cecilia

Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek

Title

Senior Community Relations Officer/

Independent Commission Against Corruption

Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Shatin)2/

Social Welfare Department

Senior Librarian (Sha Tin)/

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Deputy District (Leisure Manager District Support) Sha Tin /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion/

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior School Development Officer (Sha Tin)1/

Education Bureau

Chief Liaison Officer/

Sha Tin District Office

Senior Liaison Officer (West)/

Sha Tin District Office

Senior Executive Officer (District Council)/

Sha Tin District Office

In Attendance by Invitation

Ms LO Lai-fong, Jackie

Ms SAM Fung-mei, Esther

Ms LEE Kit-ling

Ms SIN Yuen-wah, Karen

Mr WONG Tansan

Mr LAM Chi-man, David

Mr LAU Chun-him, Kenny

Ms. FOK Wai Yin, Emily

Miss Yau Nga Yee

Title

District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin)/

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Manager (New Territories East) Marketing and District Activities/

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Liaison Officer i/c (W)3/

Sha Tin District Office

Liaison Officer (W)3b/

Sha Tin District Office

Property Services Manager/

Shatin-West/Architectural Services Department

Principal Assistant Secretary (Planning & Lands) 5/

Development Bureau

Senior Town Planner/ Sha Tin/

Planning Department

Senior Property Manager (Development Project)1/

Government Property Agency

Senior Scout Master/

The 6th Brigade of Sha Tin East of the Scout Association
of Hong Kong**Absent**

Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP

Mr TING Tsz-yuen

Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James

Mr CHENG Tsuk-man

Title

DC

(Application for leave of absence received)

Vice-ChairmanDC

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Member

(No application for leave of absence received)

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The Chairman welcomed all members, representatives of government departments and organisations to the meeting.

Applications for Leave of Absence

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received applications for leave of absence in writing from the following members:

Mr Thomas PANG
Mr TING Tsz-yuen

Official commitment
Other commitment

3. Members unanimously endorsed the applications for leave of absence submitted by the members above.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 4 July 2019
(CSCD Minutes 4/2019)

4. Members unanimously confirmed the above meeting minutes.

Matters Arising

Responses of Government Departments to Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting
(Paper No. CSCD 54/2019)

5. Members noted the above paper.

Funding Application

Funding Application of the Planning Committee on Festive Lighting in Sha Tin
(Paper No. CSCD 55/2019)

6. Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Ms CHAN Man-kuen, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr Victor LEUNG, Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Mr Tiger WONG, Mr Alvin LEE, and Ms Iris WONG declared their interest as members of the Planning Committee on Festive Lighting in Sha Tin or joint organisations. The Chairman said that they had no right to vote on the funding application but were allowed to attend the meeting.

7. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Application for the Change of the Completion Date of Activity
(Paper No. CSCD 56/2019)

8. Members unanimously endorsed the above application for the change of the completion date of activity.

Questions

Question to be Raised by Mr PANG Cheung-wai on the Redevelopment of Fo Tan Cooked Food Market
(Paper No. CSCD 57/2019)

9. The Chairman said that Mr Thomas PANG had authorised Ms TUNG Kin-lei in writing to raise the question and ask follow-up questions on his behalf.

10. The views of Ms TUNG Kin-lei were summarised below:

- (a) she asked whether the design and study of the redevelopment works could be smoothly carried out in this year; whether the height of the building would be limited to prevent “wall effect”; the impact on traffic during the works and the plan of traffic diversion or change of bus stops; and
- (b) with the growth of the population in Fo Tan, the needs for cooked food centres, street markets, children and youth centres, libraries, and child care service of the community was urgent, she asked whether such facilities would be included in the building.

11. The views of Mr Wilson LI were summarised below:

- (a) he pointed out that there was a lack of parking spaces in the government planning. Besides, the standards of Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines were outdated. In view of the serious problems of insufficient parking spaces and illegal parking, he hoped that the government could consider reserving sufficient parking spaces in overall planning;
- (b) he pointed out that, without affecting the gross floor area, 2 storeys of parking space had been added to the sports centre at Ma On Shan Area 103. He opined that the government had listened to the views of the District Council (DC), which was desirable; and
- (c) he pointed out if the construction of the dormitory of the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) in Whitehead led to the relocation of the parking lot, it would cause inconvenience to residents. So he hoped that the government could review the plan again and increase parking spaces substantially in various areas.

12. The views of Mr WONG Yue-hon were summarised below:

- (a) he pointed out that the assessment of the project referred to in the paper would be carried out this year and asked about the usable area and the number of storeys of the related location. He also hoped that the Development Bureau (DEVB) could collect the views of the public on the facilities and let the public participate in discussion; and
- (b) he opined that apart from reviewing the facilities in the building, the related departments should also assess the traffic load in Fo Tan because the public transport around Yuen Wo Road would be affected if the completion of the building led to vehicle flow increase.

13. Mr SIU Hin-hong pointed out that the current cooked food market lacked features and the categories of restaurants were monotonous. He hoped that there would be a more creative design and diversified dishes. In addition, he said that the tidiness of the project should be well managed, for example, the design of drinking water facilities and hardware should not remain in the 1980s

style.

14. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he and Mr Thomas PANG had followed up the issue for a long time and had met the Sha Tin District Officer, District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), Under Secretary for Development and the Principal Assistant Secretary of the DEVB for this issue. He pointed out that the area might not sufficient if only the lot of the temporary car park was developed into cultural and recreational building. He therefore believed that it would achieve greater benefit to resume the lot of the cooked food centre and the reprovisioning of the cooked food centre in the building could be actively considered; and
- (b) he pointed out that the Culture, Sports & Community Development Committee (CSCDC) had moved a motion requesting that priority be given to the construction project of the Government Complex in Fo Tan. However, the progress of the project was still slow due to various reasons. In view of the upcoming completion of housing estates and the increase of people flow, the needs for cultural and recreational facilities of the community would be greater. He hoped that the relevant departments could expedite the implementation of the project.

15. Mr David LAM, Principal Assistant Secretary (Planning & Lands) 5 of the DEVB, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) he said that his purpose of attending the meeting was to conduct initial communication with members, listen to views, and to learn the appeals of the district more clearly before the project assessment;
- (b) in the past, government lands were usually reserved for a certain purpose. However, the community now had greater needs for cultural, recreational and welfare facilities, and it would also bring convenience to the public to include different facilities in the same building. Therefore, the government would make more efforts to promote the development model of “single site, multiple uses”, in order to maximise the use of land and to provide more facilities to meet the needs of the district. As the dedicated department, the Government Property Agency (GPA) would coordinate the joint-user facilities of projects under the “single site, multiple uses” to cater the needs for space of such facilities and the development timetable of different facilities;
- (c) the development project of an indoor sports centre that originally only took up the site which included the existing playground and the temporary car park, would now provide more facilities under the “single site, multiple uses” model. The work would commence this year, including the assessment of the vicinity of the project site, under which older and shorter facilities, would all be considered for renewal or redevelopment. The Planning Department would also refer to the height and density of the existing buildings nearby to give advice on the reference plot ratio of the project. The GPA would formulate a proposal on the optimised combination of usages for the project after consulting different departments and taking the needs of the community into account;
- (d) the GPA would discuss the facilities proposed by Members with relevant departments. For example, it would explore the provision of public parking spaces

with the Transport Department (TD) and communicate with departments, such as the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on the proposal for the cooked food centre and social welfare facilities. The DEVB welcomed views from members, for the reference for future discussion with other departments. The DEVB also wished to submit the proposed combination of usages to the DC for discussion as soon as possible; and

- (e) the DEVB would conduct a technical assessment to review the impact on the traffic, which was essential, and impact on the view and ventilation, and also the essential traffic impact assessment. The DEVB would ensure that the project would not bring unacceptable impacts on the traffic and infrastructure during the construction and after the completion of the project.

16. The Chairman asked the DEVB to do more work during the adjournment of the DC and carry out consultation after submitting a more practicable and concrete proposal and plan to the next term of DC.

17. Mr Wilson LI asked the DEVB to specially follow up the housing planning in Fo Tan. Car parks, road planning and vehicle flow should be carefully planned, and the overall planning should also be taken in to account. In addition, he hoped that the government could include car parks in the government building, government complex and other buildings, and consider including 2 storeys of car park in the CityU dormitory to achieve a win-win result.

18. Mr David LAM responded that the DEVB would discuss the provision of public parking spaces in the project with the TD. He would also convey other advices on traffic and parking facilities to the TD.

Question to be Raised by Mr YIP Wing on Subsidising Disabled Athletes
(Paper No. CSCD 58/2019)

19. The views of Mr YIP Wing were summarised below:

- (a) he said that he had received an appeal from a disabled billiard athlete, indicating that the sport was not included in the sports of Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (Paralympic Committee). He asked whether relevant departments provided any subsidies to assist potential disabled athletes to participate in overseas competitions as representatives of Hong Kong. He hoped that the government could strengthen the fostering of potential disabled athletes, instead of only relying on related sports association and the Paralympic Committee to provide fostering and training under the premise of meeting the criteria and related conditions; and
- (b) he said another disabled boccia athlete lived a frugal life to participate in overseas competitions as a representative of Hong Kong. He had never received any subsidies even though he had won medals.

20. The views of Mr Billy CHAN were summarised below:

- (a) he opined that the subsidy provided to both disabled or able-bodied athletes was far from adequate. Taking LEE Wai-sze, a Hong Kong female cycling athlete as an example, he said her salary was comparable to the salaries of Members present,

despite that she had won many medals. He pointed out that billiard was neither included in the Asian Games nor the Olympic Games and able-bodied did not receive any subsidies, let alone disabled athletes;

- (b) he opined that medals should be the most important consideration of providing subsidies to athletes. He pointed out that many athletes strived to improve and wished to compete for Hong Kong. But for a disabled athlete, participating in overseas competitions was a heavy burden. He asked the LCSD and relevant departments whether they had plans to subsidise these athletes and promote the subsidies of relevant sports, instead of promoting such sports only in the form of interest class as it was not helpful to professional athletes; and
- (c) he asked why no relevant numbers were provided in reply (c) and hoped that the LCSD could provide the numbers after the meeting.

21. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he asked whether any subsidies were provided to disabled athletes similar to those provided to elite athletes. If yes, what sports were covered by subsidies; and if no, why;
- (b) he asked why, regarding the provision of subsidy, there was a difference between the able-bodied athletes and the disabled athletes, who were much more in need of help, and the reasons;
- (c) he pointed out that supporting elite athletes was one of the functions of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). As the training base, the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) took care of the daily life of such athletes. He asked what support the HKSI had given to the disabled athletes; and
- (d) he asked whether the subsidy referred to in the reply of the LCSD was dedicated to able-bodied athletes or disabled athletes. He pointed out that disabled athletes had also won plenty of medals in the Paralympic Games and asked what support or subsidies the HAB had provided to such athletes.

22. The views of Mr Wilson LI were summarised below:

- (a) he said disabled athletes had won plenty of medals in various sports, such as athletics, fencing, billiard, etc. He opined that sport development could help establish people's ethnic identity. However, the support of government for no matter elite athletes or disabled athletes lagged behind when compared with other places, causing the sports development in Hong Kong to be at a standstill;
- (b) he pointed out that the elite athletes in Hong Kong received support under a grading system. But the support for the athletes who had not won many medals was insufficient. He hoped that the LCSD could reflect the views and increase resources for both elite sports and disability sports; and
- (c) he asked, not limited to the Sha Tin District, but in Hong Kong as a whole, whether there was any subsidies for disabled athletes who had won medals or met criteria. He hoped that the LCSD could provide relevant information after the

meeting.

23. The Chairman said, in the past, when Hong Kong athletes won medals overseas, they not only won glory for Hong Kong, but also helped bring the society together. He cited LEE Lai-shan as an example, after she had won an Olympic gold medal, a good sports atmosphere and cohesion were formed in the society. In addition, disabled athletes also had achieved good results and won plenty of medals overseas before. But they faced more difficulties than ordinary athletes in doing sports, going abroad for competitions, and getting good results. So he hoped that the government could review the current policies as appropriate and increase the support for disabled athletes, which could not only encourage athletes to win more medals, but also enhance social cohesion. He suggested that government departments coordinate the Sports Associations or advertising sponsors to support Hong Kong athletes in participating in international competitions to promote sports development in Hong Kong.

24. Ms Jackie LO, District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) of the LCSD, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) she said sports development was one of the major works of the government. Gradual progress from basic training to elite fostering; popularisation of sports in the district level by promoting sports to the public, cultivating students' interest in sports, as well as identifying potential elite athletes. Besides, the government also encouraged elderly people to exercise in a regular basis to stay healthy, with a view to reducing the medical expenditure of Hong Kong. Government subsidies provided for both able-bodied athletes and disabled athletes increased every year;
- (b) the LCSD provided subsidies to recognised sports associations through the "Sports Subvention Scheme" (Scheme) to cater their needs of promoting and developing relevant sports and participating in overseas or local international competitions. The Scheme was to provide subsidies to sports associations, instead of subsidising individual athletes directly;
- (c) regarding question (c), since the departments did not have relevant information, the relevant numbers could not be provided at the meeting; and
- (d) the HKSI assisted the LCSD with the training of elite athletes. On the other hand, outside the government structure, the lives of athletes were also guaranteed under the Elite Athletes Development Fund and Hong Kong Athletes Fund.

25. Mr YIP Wing asked how the athletes would be supported in participation in overseas competition to win an honour for Hong Kong as a representative if the sports was not included in the Paralympic Games or covered by sports associations.

26. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he asked the LCSD to supplement information after the meeting to explain the subsidy plan for able-bodied athletes and disabled athletes, including daily training, daily expenses and support in participation in competitions, such as expenditure for catering and accommodation, coaches, and medical team;
- (b) he asked the LCSD to provide information on the subsidy amount per year for different sports, such as billiard, athletics, in the past 5 years, and the target applicants, i.e., able-bodied or disabled athletes. He pointed out that the HKSI was

responsible for the training of elite athletes and asked which organisation was responsible for the training and support for disabled athletes; and

- (c) he asked whether the government or the HAB would consider setting up relevant funding or projects to support disabled athletes.

27. Mr Billy CHAN pointed out that billiard was not an elite sport and asked the LCSD what subsidy was provided to athletes at present. He pointed out that Hong Kong athletes won 2 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 2 bronze medals in the 2016 Paralympic Game, which was better than the result of able-bodied athletes. But the proportion of resources and subsidy allocated by the government for disabled athletes was less. He hoped that the LCSD could supplement information on government subsidy for disabled athletes, regardless of the amount of resources provided for elite or non-elite athletes.

28. Ms Jackie LO said billiards had been included in elite sports since April 2011. As regards subsidy for athletes' participation in overseas competitions, she pointed out that athletes had to reach the assessment standards set by the relevant sports associations before they could receive relevant subsidies to participate in international competitions.

29. Mr YIP Wing pointed out that the athlete of the case he mentioned had asked for assistance from the sport association and the Paralympic Committee, but the 2 organisations responded that billiard was not one of the sports which they covered. Therefore, subsidies could not be provided. He asked whether there were any ways for them to receive training and support for competitions to win glory for Hong Kong.

30. Ms Jackie LO said she would look into the case after the meeting. The case would be referred to the responsible officers of the related section of the LCSD for follow-up if necessary.

31. The Chairman asked the LCSD to submit the relevant information to the Secretariat since the DC would soon be adjourned. Besides, he requested that the discussion of today's meeting be forwarded to the HAB and the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China for review and follow-up actions, with a view to assisting the related athletes and disabled athletes by reviewing the current mechanism.

32. Mr Michael YUNG said he agreed with the handling and hoped that the relevant information could be uploaded to the DC website.

33. The Chairman directed the Secretariat to upload the supplementary information submitted by the LCSD to the DC website after sending the information to members.

Information Items

Reports of Working Groups (Paper No. CSCD 59/2019)

34. Mr Michael YUNG asked the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) about the repair progress of the canopy in Sha Tin Park. Since the celebration activity of Mid-Autumn Festival would be held at the venue, he asked whether the venue could be used as usual.

35. The Chairman said that the representative of the ArchSD, might be due to other official commitment, had left before the related agenda item of matters arising was finished. Therefore, he

asked the LCSD to give responses.

36. Ms Jackie LO responded that the canopy works had been completed on 3 September, and the venue had reopened for the preparation of the Mid-Autumn Festival Evening Variety Show. In addition, the repair works of the canopy of the Dragon Boat Pavilion was underway.

37. Ms Katy CHENG, Chief Liaison Officer of Sha Tin District Office (STDO) said the STDO would hold the Mid-Autumn Festival Evening Variety Show at the related venue at Sha Tin Park on 13 September.

Information Papers

Financial Position and Activity Progress of the Committee's Expenditure Heads
(Paper No. CSCD 60/2019)

Report and Plan by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Cultural Activities and Utilisation of Facilities in Sha Tin District (3rd and 4th Quarters of 2019)
(Paper No. CSCD 61/2019)

Report and Plan by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Recreation and Sports Activities and Management of Facilities in Sha Tin District (2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2019)
(Paper No. CSCD 62/2019)

38. Mr WAI Hing-cheung asked why security guards were arranged at the soccer pitch at Pei Tau Village Playground recently.

39. Ms Jackie LO responded that they had received complaints about dog walking at the venue. Therefore, the LCSD had arranged for security guards to patrol the venue during the time slot, and to ask related persons not to bring dogs into the soccer pitch.

Report and Plan on Public Libraries Promotion Activities Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Sha Tin District (3rd and 4th Quarters of 2019)
(Paper No. CSCD 63/2019)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Arts Association
(Paper No. CSCD 64/2019)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Sports Association
(Paper No. CSCD 65/2019)

40. Members noted the above 6 information papers.

Other Items

41. The Chairman said this was the last CSCDC meeting of the current term of DC. He thanked members and government departments for their tolerance and support in the past 4 years. He also thanked government departments for their views and assistance. He hoped that the next CSCDC would continue to promote the cultural and recreational affairs in the district to benefit the residents.

42. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.

Sha Tin District Council Secretariat
STDC 13/15/25

December 2019