# Sha Tin District Council Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee in 2016

**Date:** 28 April 2016 (Thursday)

**Time:** 2:30 pm

**Venue:** Sha Tin District Council Conference Room

4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

| <u>Present</u>                      | <u>Title</u>                             | Time of joining | Time of leaving |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                     |  | the meeting     | the meeting     |
| Mr CHIU Man-leong (Chairman)        | DC Member                                | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Ms CHAN Man-kuen (Vice-Chairman)    | **                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:21 pm         |
| Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS, MH           | DC Chairman                              | 2:30 pm         | 4:21 pm         |
| Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP | DC Vice-Chairman                         | 2:30 pm         | 4:21 pm         |
| Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung            | DC Member                                | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James           | ,,                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr CHAN Nok-hang                    | ,,                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr CHENG Tsuk-man                   | ,,                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH            | **                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny             | **                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick                 | **                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr LAI Tsz-yan                      | **                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Ms LAM Chung-yan                    | **                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:21 pm         |
| Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor             | **                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:21 pm         |
| Mr LI Sai-hung                      | ,,                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr LI Sai-wing                      | ,,                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:22 pm         |
| Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson            | **                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS                | **                                       | 2:40 pm         | 4:21 pm         |
| Mr NG Kam-hung                      | **                                       | 3:08 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, JP         | **                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:12 pm         |
| Mr SIU Hin-hong                     | **                                       | 2:30 pm         | 3:29 pm         |
| Mr TING Tsz-yuen                    | "  | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr TONG Hok-leung                   | "  | 2:30 pm         | 3:39 pm         |
| Ms TSANG So-lai                     | "  | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Ms TUNG Kin-lei                     | "  | 2:30 pm         | 3:41 pm         |
| Mr WAI Hing-cheung                  | "  | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger              | ,,                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:20 pm         |
| Mr WONG Hok-lai                     | "  | 2:42 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr WONG Ka-wing                     | "  | 2:30 pm         | 4:23 pm         |
| Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris              | "  | 2:57 pm         | 4:20 pm         |
| Mr WONG Yue-hon                     | ,,                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:21 pm         |
| Mr YAU Man-chun                     | "  | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr YIP Wing                         | "  | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr YIU Ka-chun                      | "  | 2:30 pm         | 4:21 pm         |
| Ms YUE Shin-man                     | "  | 2:30 pm         | 3:31 pm         |
| Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael          | ,,                                       | 2:30 pm         | 4:42 pm         |
| Mr CHOW Yik-lam, Martin (Secretary) | Executive Officer (District Council) 2 / |                 |                 |

Executive Officer (District Council) 2 /

Sha Tin District Office

<u>In Attendance</u> <u>Title</u>

Ms TSANG Suet-man Senior School Development Officer (Sha Tin) 1 /

**Education Bureau** 

Mr LEUNG Wing-hang, Eric Senior Community Relations Officer (New Territories East) /

**Independent Commission Against Corruption** 

Ms LEE Yuk-kit, Glendy Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms TSANG Mei-ying, May

Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms NG Sheung-han, Alice Manager (New Territories East) Marketing & District

Activities / Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LI Wing-sze, Grace Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sha Tin) 2 /

Social Welfare Department

Mr CHEUNG Fu-yuen, Francois Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) 1 /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms WAN Siu-ling

Mr WONG Tin-pui, Simon

Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek

Chief Liaison Officer (Atg) / Sha Tin District Office

Assistant District Officer / Sha Tin District Office

Senior Executive Officer (District Council) /

Sha Tin District Office

<u>In Attendance by Invitation</u> <u>Title</u>

Ms KWAN Po-man Senior Health Inspector (Environment Hygiene) 2 /

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr TANG Lee-chung Senior Land Executive / Land Management (District Lands

Office, Sha Tin) / Lands Department

Mr LEUNG Hok-sum Commander (Operations and Support) (Sha Tin Division) /

Hong Kong Police Force

Mr NG Sui-on Senior Census and Survey Officer (Census Field) 6 /

Census and Statistics Department

Ms SIU Wai-fun, Rebecca Senior Statistician (Census Planning) II /

Census and Statistics Department

Mr LEUNG Ting-pong Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 1 /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

<u>Absent</u> <u>Title</u>

Mr MAK Yun-pui DC Member (Application for leave of absence received)

Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH " ( ")

Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin " (No application for leave of absence received)

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<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed all members as well as representatives of government departments and organisations to the meeting.

#### **Application for Leave of Absence**

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

Mr MAK Yun-pui Official commitment

Mr PUN Kwok-shan

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

# **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 25 February 2016** (CSCDC Minutes 2/2016)

4. Members confirmed the above minutes of the meeting unanimously.

#### **Discussion Items**

<u>2016/2017 Leisure and Cultural Services Department Annual Work Plan – Progress of Capital Works Projects Related to Leisure and Cultural Services Facilities in Sha Tin</u> (Paper No. CSCD 20/2016)

- 5. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Mr LEUNG Ting-pong, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 1 of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to answer questions from members.
- 6. Mr LEUNG Ting-pong briefly introduced the contents of the paper and the briefing.
- 7. The views of Ms Scarlett PONG were summarised below:
  - (a) regarding the project plan for "Redevelopment of Fo Tan Cooked Food Market, Sha Tin", she suggested the LCSD should consider building additional parking lots to solve the problem of illegal parking in the district. As there would be several housing development projects in Fo Tan District, she requested the LCSD to provide the timetable for "Redevelopment of Fo Tan Cooked Food Market, Sha Tin", hoping that the project could be implemented at a faster pace;
  - (b) as the "Age-friendly Community" programme proceeded, she believed the LCSD should consider adding gym rooms under the development projects;
  - (c) some residents suggested that the LCSD should add study rooms under the development projects for use by school children in the district; and
  - (d) as there would be numerous housing development projects in Fo Tan in the next few years, she believed it was inappropriate for the LCSD to carry out projects left over by the former Regional Council ("former RC") in sequence.
- 8. The views of Mr TONG Hok-leung were summarised below:
  - (a) since half of the "Local Open Space in Area 4C, Sha Tin" project had been completed, he hoped that the LCSD could complete the remaining works as soon as possible; and
  - (b) some residents relayed to him the aggravating mosquito problem in the "Local Open Space in Area 4C, Sha Tin", and he advised the LCSD to carry out anti-mosquito work and install light traps.

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

- (a) he suggested that the LCSD should install heated pool facilities for the shallower secondary pool of Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool and asked the feasibility of providing heated pool facilities and shelters for Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool and Ma On Shan Swimming Pool and whether the LCSD had a timetable for the study work;
- (b) he advised the LCSD to renovate the facilities of Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool at Yuen Wo Road; and
- (c) he opined the LCSD should explain the pros and cons in the reply for the renovation works of Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool, so as to enable the public to decide whether to carry out the works or not.

# 10. The views of Mr YIU Ka-chun were summarised below:

- (a) regarding the "Sports Centre, Community Hall and District Library in Area 14B, Sha Tin" project, he wished to be informed of the specific arrangement on the students' study room and toll carpark;
- (b) regarding the extension works of Sha Tin Public Library, he asked how the study on the extension works went, whether the LCSD's study findings would affect the progress of other public works, and if the extension works were infeasible, what the subsequent arrangement of LCSD was; and
- (c) he proposed a motion in the early years, urging the government to allocate more resources to implement project plans left over by the "former RC" in 18 districts, but no progress had been seen up to now.

#### 11. The views of Mr CHAN Nok-hang were summarised below:

- (a) the "Sports Centre in Area 24D, Sha Tin" project was underway, and he hoped that the LCSD would coordinate with related parties to reduce noise impact from the site and install temporary noise barriers on the side of the site facing Chun Shek Estate; and
- (b) with the approach of the rainy season, he hoped the LCSD would pay attention to the mosquito problem caused by stagnant water at construction sites.

#### 12. The views of Mr CHENG Tsuk-man were summarised below:

- (a) he quoted the contractor as saying that the construction of public toilets in "Local Open Space in Area 86, Ma On Shan" should be completed this March. He asked the LCSD about the project progress; and
- (b) sundries were often piled up on the vacant land near the pump house at Hang Fai Street, giving rise to the mosquito problem. He suggested incorporating the above site into the scope of "Local Open Space in Area 86, Ma On Shan" for better management.

13. Mr YAU Man-chun pointed out the Sports Centre, Community Hall and District Library in Area 14B, Sha Tin would only be put into operation at the end of this year, and he requested the LCSD to seriously consider providing mobile library services in Shui Chuen O Estate.

#### 14. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) annex 4 of the paper set out the previous opinions of District Council Members or other members of the public on further improving cultural and leisure facilities in Sha Tin District, and he requested the LCSD to explain how to respond to various suggestions, including identifying the criteria for deciding whether or not such suggestions should be adopted and providing the timetable for implementation of such suggestions. He opined that the LCSD should provide opinions on the feasibility of various suggestions for discussion by members;
- (b) although the "Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan" project had been planned for many years, the LCSD had not yet developed a construction timetable. He learned from the paper of the Planning Department that the land in Area 111, Ma On Shan would be used to build a sports centre, but no definite timetable was available. He requested that the government should also take into account the demand of local residents on cultural and leisure facilities when building houses in Ma On Shan District;
- (c) he asked the LCSD whether the possibility to build libraries in Tai Wai and other places in Sha Tin District would be reduced if the extension works of Sha Tin Public Library was brought to fruition; and
- (d) according to the *Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines* (the Guidelines), Ma On Shan still lacked two sports centres given its current population.
- 15. Mr SIU Hin-hong believed the LCSD should take into account the demand of local residents when building sports centres. For example, according to the paper, sports centres located in Fo Tan and Ma On Shan were all equipped with squash courts and he believed residents had a greater interest in table tennis at present. He suggested that the LCSD should study the age, sex and other characteristics of venue users to formulate better recreation and sports policies.

#### 16. The views of Ms Iris WONG were summarised below:

- (a) phase II of Shek Mun Estate was about to be completed. She hoped that the LCSD would complete the "District Open Space in Area 11, Sha Tin" project as soon as possible and set up a park construction workshop for nearby residents to express opinions to the LCSD;
- (b) there were three swimming pools in Sha Tin District equipped with heated pool facilities, but some residents reflected to her that residents or elders who were not proficient swimmers could not learn swimming in winter as the heated swimming pool was too deep. She asked the LCSD whether there was any measure to address their needs, such as adding floating platforms to

- heated swimming pools to reduce the depth of the pools; and
- regarding the development of the open space at On Lai Street, Shek Mun, she hoped that the LCSD would enhance community involvement and at the same time relevant departments would widen the footway at the bus stop adjacent to the above site to provide convenience for people waiting for buses.
- 17. Mr Wilson LI hoped that the LCSD would expeditiously develop the land between Lee On Estate and Monte Vista into a recreation park to provide more facilities for local residents, and advised the LCSD to consider building leisure facilities on both sides of Wu Kai Sha.
- 18. The views of Mr CHING Cheung-ying were summarised below:
  - (a) as the construction period of the "Sports Centre in Area 24D, Sha Tin" was three years, which was longer than the planned two years, he hoped the LCSD should grasp the time;
  - (b) he requested the LCSD to ensure that the muddy water from the construction site of "Sports Centre in Area 24D, Sha Tin" would not flow out to the footway. In addition, he requested the LCSD to face up to the problem of severe illegal parking along Sha Tin Tau Road arising from the government's cancellation of the original temporary carpark in the construction site of "Sports Centre in Area 24D, Sha Tin" without any compensatory measures;
  - (c) he believed the proposal of developing the mountain behind Che Kung Temple into a theme park was feasible and the aforesaid site was not inconvenient as described in the paper; moreover, there were not many barrier-free access facilities in the parks in Wong Uk District. Therefore, he advised the LCSD to actively consider adopting this opinion; and
  - (d) he hoped that any similar papers to be submitted by government departments in the future could be written in plainer words.
- 19. <u>The Chairman</u> hoped that the LCSD would earnestly implement various public works to prove with practical actions its unremitting efforts to push ahead various projects.
- 20. Mr WONG Hok-lai and Mr LI Sai-hung asked in which sites in Tai Wai the LCSD had considered adding libraries and what difficulties it had encountered in planning. Mr LI Sai-hung inquired whether the LCSD had consulted other government departments about the limitations in planning before the discussion with MTR Corporation Limited (MTR) on building of a library on the top of Tai Wai Station. He hoped to learn details about the MTR's application to the Planning Department for revising the development master plan of the land on the top of Tai Wai Station. He asked the LCSD whether there was any suggestion to urge the Planning Department to provide assistance in building a library on the top of Tai Wai Station.
- 21. Mr YIU Ka-chun and Mr Michael YUNG requested the LCSD to provide implementation dates and construction schedule for eight project plans left over by the "former RC" in Sha Tin District and inform the public of the contents of each project plan.

- 22. Mr YIU Ka-chun, Ms TSANG So-lai, Mr LI Sai-wing and Mr Wilson LI asked the LCSD about the completion time of the preliminary preparation and the construction of "Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan".
- 23. Mr YIU Ka-chun, Mr CHENG Tsuk-man, Mr LI Sai-wing and Mr Wilson LI advised the LCSD to build indoor heated swimming pools in "Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan".
- 24. The Chairman, Mr Thomas PANG, Mr WONG Hok-lai, Mr LI Sai-wing and Mr YIU Ka-chun were dissatisfied with the LCSD's inactive follow-up on the outstanding projects over the years, so that the implementation of the various projects was unlikely to commence in foreseeable future. Due to continual population growth in Sha Tin District, the progress of constructing additional sports centres could not keep up with demand, showing that the LCSD paid little attention to cultural and leisure facilities in Sha Tin District.
- 25. <u>Mr LEUNG Ting-pong</u> gave a consolidated response as follows:
  - (a) in regard to opinions of relevant members on "Redevelopment of Fo Tan Cooked Food Market, Sha Tin", the LCSD set out the proposed development scope in the paper. Development of relevant projects also needed to adhere to the principle of optimisation of land use. The LCSD noted the opinions of members on the project and would timely consult the Sha Tin District Council:
  - (b) the development of "Local Open Space in Area 4C, Sha Tin" was divided into two parts. The first part was the sitting-out area at Mei Tin Road, which was open for public use; the second part was being built based on the mode of district minor works, which was expected to be completed at the end of the year. The LCSD also noted the opinions of members on mosquito problem and would take follow up actions;
    - [Post-meeting note of the LCSD: during the construction, the contractor had maintained the site clean and cleaned up stagnant water daily according to relevant regulations and guidelines, and regularly sprayed mosquito larvicidal oil within the site area to prevent breeding of mosquitoes. In addition, the LCSD had installed two mosquito-trapping machines to trap and catch mosquitoes at the sitting-out area of Mei Tin Toad and arranged the contractor to spray pesticide at the aforesaid sitting-out area to reduce the number of insects and fleas. The LCSD would continue to keep a close eye on relevant circumstances and take timely follow-up actions.]
  - (c) the LCSD would carefully weigh various factors when considering building additional heated pool facilities. Building additional heated pool facilities for existing swimming pools involved some technical complexities, including the needs for facility renovation works and closure of swimming pools during the construction, and their impact on users. As facilities of Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool were adequate to satisfy the demand, there was no plan for renovation of the swimming pool at the moment. Subject to the availability of resources in the future, the LCSD would re-study the feasibility to renovate and optimise the swimming pool at an appropriate time;

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(d) regarding the construction schedule of "Sports Centre, Community Hall and District Library in Area 14B", the LCSD would carry out decoration works and installation of additional facilities as soon as possible after the completion of the rectification and optimisation works of the site by Architectural Services Department, with the hope of opening the facilities for public use as soon as possible. The LCSD would provide supplementary information about hourly parking spaces and facilities for students after the meeting;

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- (e) the LCSD was actively considering building additional heated swimming pools in "Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan" and carefully studying its feasibility. Although the existing heated pool facilities in Sha Tin District were adequate to satisfy the demand according to the Guidelines, the LCSD, at the request of members and residents, was carefully studying the feasibility to build additional heated swimming pools and consulting relevant government departments, and would consult the Sha Tin District Council after completing the drafting of the proposed development scope. As projects faced different problems, the LCSD failed to provide a definite development timetable at the preliminary planning stage. Generally speaking, after the proposal on facilities was finalised, the subsequent planning works would take two to three years;
- (f) regarding the noise problems of the "Sports Centre in Area 24D, Sha Tin" project, the Architectural Services Department would ensure that the construction would be in compliance with Environmental Legislation. He knew that Mr CHAN Nok-hang had communicated with the contractor and the Architectural Services Department in this regard, and the Architectural Services Department and the contractor would ensure mitigation of the project's impact on nearby residents. The LCSD would also relay the problem of stagnant water at the construction site to the Architectural Services Department and the contractor;
- (g) the public toilets in "Local Open Space in Area 86, Ma On Shan" would be completed in the next month or two and be open for public use as soon as possible. Regarding the suggestion on incorporating the surrounding area of Hang Fai Street Park into the park, the LCSD had conducted a site inspection and found that there were difficulties in doing so due to objective factors including the actual environment;
- (h) the LCSD noted the demand from residents of Shui Chuen O Estate for mobile library services and would consider members' opinions from the perspective of the overall planning;
- (i) the LCSD received opinions of District Council Members or other citizens on further improving cultural and leisure facilities in Sha Tin District from time to time, and would continue to ensure that members would be informed of relevant opinions by setting out the aforesaid opinions in the paper for members' references. Specifically, some suggestions had been brought to fruition in the form of district minor works and others. Subject to the availability of financial resources, the LCSD would follow up on other suggestions. If members agreed, the LCSD might delete some suggestions failing to be implemented from the paper and would report to members

difficulties encountered during the implementation of suggestions (if any);

- (j) the extension works of Sha Tin Public Library and Tai Wai Library belonged to two independent projects. In regard to the extension works of Sha Tin Public Library, since it was a large-scale project and the library was very likely to be closed during construction, the LCSD simultaneously conducted the feasibility study of the "Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan" with the consent of the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee (CSCDC). Therefore, the LCSD did not slow down the planning work of subsequent projects;
- (k) the LCSD was committed to providing diversified recreation and sports facilities for different age groups, so as to cater for the needs of different users. In designing the sporting venues, apart from popular facilities, the LCSD would also consider setting up additional multipurpose facilities, in order to improve cost efficiency and meet the needs of the public;
- (l) the LCSD learned that according to the current timetable, the recreation park project adjacent to Phase II of Shek Mun Estate would be completed during 2018-2019. The LCSD would listen to public opinions and would give consideration to that if it was feasible;
- (m) generally, the LCSD installed heated pool facilities at the main pools given their larger areas and higher utilisation. When designing new swimming pools in future, reference would be made to the members' opinions on use of heated pool facilities by elders. If it was feasible, it would provide cooperation;
- (n) the footway adjacent to the open space at On Lai Street, Shek Mun was not under the jurisdiction of the LCSD. If any facility of the LCSD was involved, the LCSD would cater for the needs of the community;
- (o) the LCSD was actively identifying suitable sites, in order to push forward the work of setting up a small library in Tai Wai. In the meantime, it needed to consider factors including floor area/loading capacity and transport support during the site search. When the MTR applied to the Planning Department for revising the development master plan of the land on the top of Tai Wai Station last June, the LCSD expressed its intention to MTR that it hoped to build a library on the land on the top of Tai Wai Station. The LCSD would continue to express its intention to relevant departments via the internal mechanism of government. After the meeting, the LCSD would report to the members the progress of identifying site in Tai Wai for building a library;

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(p) at present, the LCSD, in conjunction with the Architectural Services Department and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, were conducting a feasibility study on the extension works of Sha Tin Public Library, and would report the situation to Sha Tin District Council when appropriate, so that the members could have a discussion on the development direction of the project;

- (q) due to the uniqueness of different public works, no timetable of the works could be provided during the planning stage. The LCSD had always been active in exploring the feasibility of implementation of various works. He took the development of the "Local Open Space in Area 4C, Sha Tin" as an example and said the LCSD had been accelerating implementation of the construction projects listed in the papers with the support of the members through different approaches, including District Minor Works Programme;
- (r) although it was somewhat difficult to develop the land between Lee On Estate and Monte Vista due to its larger area and steep gradient, the LCSD kept an open mind to the development of the land parcel;
- (s) the project of "Sports Centre in Area 24D, Sha Tin" was expected to be completed in early 2019. By that time, 17 parking spaces would be provided for public use. The LCSD would urge the contractor to carry out construction as per the timetable and ensure the sewage at the construction site would not flow out to the footway. Regarding the problem of occupation of lane by nearby vehicles during construction, the LCSD would report it to the Architectural Services Department;
- (t) regarding the proposal of developing the mountain behind Che Kung Temple into a theme park, it was difficult to set up barrier-free access facilities there as the site involved existing cemetery areas and steep slopes. Moreover, consideration should also be given to the impact of relevant development on the existing cemetery;
- (u) as for "Redevelopment of Fo Tan Cooked Food Market, Sha Tin", the LCSD would continue paying attention to the future development of Fo Tan and conduct planning works as per the priority set by the CSCDC; and
- (v) currently, the LCSD had two capital projects and four minor projects under construction in Sha Tin District and would continue to seek more resources for carrying out other projects.
- 26. <u>The Chairman</u> asked members whether they agreed to discuss the provisional motion proposed by Mr YIU Ka-chun.
- 27. Members agreed to discuss the provisional motion proposed by Mr YIU Ka-chun.
- 28. Mr YIU Ka-chun proposed the following provisional motion:
  - "The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of Sha Tin District Council is very dissatisfied with the slow progress in implementing the projects left over by the former Regional Council.

The Committee strongly requests the LCSD to submit the specific plans and construction timetable of relevant outstanding projects to the DC for discussion within this year."

Mr Thomas PANG seconded the motion.

- 29. Mr HO Hau-cheung was very disappointed at the LCSD's performance in pushing forward the public works. For years, the LCSD only submitted consultation documents to the CSCDC and made no actual progress in numerous projects left over by the "former RC". He pointed out that the LCSD had not worked out any solutions to the technical problems related to the extension works of Sha Tin Public Library over the years, which led to delays in the projects queuing behind. The population of Sha Tin District had kept increasing, but the development of cultural and leisure facilities were not at the same pace. He suggested that feasibility studies should be made for all projects simultaneously.
- 30. <u>Mr TING Tsz-yuen</u> advised Mr YIU Ka-chun to add the word "implement" in the motion and urged the government to devolve more powers to the District Council as soon as possible.
- 31. Mr YIU Ka-chun accepted Mr TING Tsz-yuen's advice and revised his provisional motion as below:
  - "The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of Sha Tin District Council is very dissatisfied with the slow progress in implementing the projects left over by the former Regional Council.

The Committee strongly requests the LCSD to submit the specific plans and construction timetable of relevant outstanding projects to the DC for discussion within this year and expeditiously implement the construction of the relevant facilities."

#### Mr Thomas PANG seconded the motion.

- 32. <u>The Chairman</u> asked members whether they agreed to endorse the provisional motion in paragraph 31.
- 33. Members unanimously endorsed the provisional motion in paragraph 31.
- 34. <u>The Chairman</u> requested that the motion be forwarded to the LCSD and the Home Affairs Bureau for follow-up.
- 35. Mr YIU Ka-chun hoped the LCSD could allocate extra resources to solve the problem of cultural and leisure facilities in Sha Tin District. Mr LI Sai-wing hoped the LCSD and the Home Affairs Bureau were aware of the reasons why the members staged a "walk-out" protest.
- 36. The Chairman said he would ask the Secretariat to summon the absent members to attend the meeting as the quorum was not attained.
- 37. Mr Martin CHOW, Executive Officer (District Council) 2 of the Sha Tin District Office, pointed out that according to Order 12 of the Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders, if a quorum was not present at the beginning of or during a meeting, the Chairman was required to instruct the Secretary to summon the absent members to attend the meeting. If a quorum was still not present after 15 minutes, the Chairman was required to forthwith declare the meeting was adjourned.

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38. As a quorum was still not present after 15 minutes, the Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm and decided to deal with the Report and Plan by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Cultural Activities and Utilisation of Facilities in Sha Tin District (2016 1st and 2nd Quarter), 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 (2016 1st and 2nd Quarter), Report and Plan on Public Libraries Promotion Activities Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Sha Tin District (2016 1st and 2nd Quarter), Progress Report of the Sha Tin Arts Association, Progress Report of the Sha Tin Sports Association and 2016/2017 Approved Estimates of Expenditure Heads under the Committee by circulation of papers.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

- 39. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 23 June 2016 (Thursday).
- 40. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.

Secretariat of Sha Tin District Council STDC 13/15/50

June 2016