

Sha Tin District Council**Minutes of the 4th Meeting of
the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee in 2016**

Date: 23 June 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>	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Mr CHIU Man-leong (Chairman)	DC Member	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Ms CHAN Man-kuen (Vice-Chairman)	"	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS, MH	DC Chairman	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	DC Vice-Chairman	2:30 pm	6:27 pm
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Mr CHAN Kwok-keung	"	7:24 pm	7:30 pm
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	"	2:45 pm	6:23 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	"	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	"	2:30 pm	6:32 pm
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	"	3:46 pm	5:00 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	2:30 pm	7:27 pm
Ms LAM Chung-yan	"	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Mr LEE Chi-Wing, Alvin	"	3:49 pm	4:55 pm
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	"	2:49 pm	6:37 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Mr LI Sai-wing	"	2:30 pm	6:40 pm
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	2:30 pm	7:20 pm
Mr MAK Yun-pui	"	2:30 pm	3:24 pm
Mr NG Kam-hung	"	2:30 pm	6:23 pm
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, JP	"	2:39 pm	7:30 pm
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	"	2:30 pm	6:32 pm
Mr SIU Hin-hong	"	2:30 pm	6:38 pm
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	"	2:30 pm	6:23 pm
Mr TONG Hok-leung	"	2:30 pm	7:11 pm
Ms TSANG So-lai	"	2:54 pm	6:29 pm
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	"	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	2:30 pm	7:22 pm
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	"	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Mr WONG Hok-lai	"	2:42 pm	7:27 pm
Mr WONG Ka-wing	"	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	"	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Mr WONG Yue-hon	"	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	2:30 pm	6:29 pm
Mr YIP Wing	"	2:30 pm	7:27 pm
Mr YIU Ka-chun	"	2:30 pm	7:12 pm
Ms YUE Shin-man	"	2:30 pm	6:23 pm
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	2:30 pm	7:30 pm

<u>Present</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Mr CHOW Yik-lam, Martin (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) 2 / Sha Tin District Office		
<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Title</u>		
Mr CHEUNG Tat-cheung, Vincent	School Development Officer (Sha Tin) 11 / Education Bureau		
Mr LEUNG Wing-hang	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 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		
Mr WONG Tin-pui, Simon	Assistant District Officer / Sha Tin District Office		
Ms CHENG Ka-po, Theresa	Chief Liaison Officer / Sha Tin District Office		
Ms WAN Siu-ling	Senior Liaison Officer (West) / Sha Tin District Office		
Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / Sha Tin District Office		
<u>In Attendance by Invitation</u>	<u>Title</u>		
Mr NG Hoi-wai	General Manager / Kitchee Foundation Limited		
Mr TSUNG Yiu-chi	Education Project Manager / Kitchee Foundation Limited		
Ms NG Pun-wai, Sharon	Senior Statistician (Census and Demographic Statistics) / Census and Statistics Department		
Mr NG Sui-on	Senior Census and Survey Officer (Census) 6 / Census and Statistics Department		
Mr KWONG Kam-wing	Treasurer / Sha Tin Celebration Committee		
Ms MAK Ka-yee	Executive / Sha Tin Celebration Committee		
Dr CHAN Wai-kai	Vice-Chairman / Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee		
Dr WONG Kwai-yau	Vice-Chairman / Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee		
Mr YUNG Ho-wai, Anthony	Liaison Officer i/c (Youth Programme) / Sha Tin District Office		
Ms LEE Kit-ling, Bianca	Liaison Officer i/c (West) 3 / Sha Tin District Office		
Ms LAU Wai-nor, Noreen	Liaison Officer (West) 3b / Sha Tin District Office		
Mr LEUNG Ting-pong	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 1 / Leisure and Cultural Services Department		
Ms KWAN Po-man	Senior Health Inspector (Environmental Hygiene) 2 / Food and Environmental Hygiene Department		
Mr TANG Lee-chung	Senior Land Executive / Land Control (District Lands Office, Sha Tin) / Lands Department		
Mr LEUNG Hok-sum	Commander of Operations and Support (Sha Tin) / Hong Kong Police Force		
Mr LUI Kan-man, Raymond	Liaison Officer i/c (West) 4 / Sha Tin District Office		
Mr CHAN Cheuk-pui	Environmental Protection Officer (Regional North) 43 / Environmental Protection Department		

In Attendance by Invitation

Mr WONG Tze-ying

Ms NG Sheung-han, Alice

Mr CHAN Hon-ying

Mr LAM Ka-hing

Mr LAU Chi-keung

Title

Engineer / Sha Tin / Drainage Services Department

Manager (New Territories East) Marketing and District Activities / Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Vice-Chairman and Director of Football /

Sha Tin Sports Association

Deputy Director for Youth Training of the Football Club /

Sha Tin Sports Association

Senior Sports Executive / Sha Tin Sports Association

Absent

Mr CHENG Tsuk-man

Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS

Title

DC Member (Application for leave of absence received)

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Action

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

Application for Leave of Absence

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

Mr CHENG Tsuk-man

Official commitment

Mr MOK Kam-kwai

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

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 28 April 2016

(CSCDC Minutes 3/2016)

4. The Chairman acknowledged the receipt of the amendments proposed by Ms Iris WONG before the meeting and invited members to consider endorsing the proposed amendments and the last meeting minutes.

5. Members unanimously confirmed the amended minutes.

Discussion Items**Response of a Government Department to Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**

(Paper No. CSCD 34/2016)

6. Members noted the above paper.

Election of STDC Members to be Members of the Kitchee Shatin Consultative Committee

(Paper No. CSCD 35/2016)

7. The Chairman said that as at the nomination deadline, the Secretariat had received three nomination forms:

Candidates
Mr Billy CHAN
Mr CHIU Man-leong
Ms Iris WONG

Nominators
Mr CHAN Nok-hang
Mr Alvin LEE
Mr WONG Yue-hon

Seconders
Mr LAI Tsz-yan
Mr SIU Hin-hong
Ms YUE Shin-man

8. Mr Martin CHOW, Executive Officer (District Council) 2 of the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) supplemented that Kitchee Foundation Limited (Kitchee) agreed that the Consultative Committee should incorporate local views more widely. Therefore, they approved the increase in the number of representatives of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) in the Consultative Committee to three.

9. Mr WAI Hing-cheung asked Kitchee whether they would invite all STDC Members to participate in the work of the Consultative Committee.

10. Mr CHING Cheung-ying hoped that STDC Members who served in the Consultative Committee could reflect to Kitchee local residents' demand for opening its centre for public hire and public views on its operation, and could strive for better interests for Sha Tin. He also recommended that members invite Kitchee to send representatives to the meeting as required by asking questions. He and Mr Michael YUNG hoped that the STDC representatives in the Consultative Committee could regularly report their work to the STDC.

11. Mr LI Sai-wing enquired whether the increase in the number of the STDC representatives in the Consultative Committee to three was a permanent or a one-off arrangement.

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

- (a) he opined that the increase in the number of the STDC representatives in the Consultative Committee to three could help enhance mutual monitoring;
- (b) he enquired about the positioning of the Consultative Committee. Based on experience, facility sites leased on short-term tenancies would often be used for housing development. He asked what role the STDC representatives would play if the Kitchee centre encountered similar situation in the future; and
- (c) he requested the Chairman to relax the maximum number of questioners later in the discussion on the agenda items in which the Kitchee representatives participated.

13. Mr SIU Hin-hong considered that Kitchee should appoint one or two STDC Members as executive members.

14. Mr HO Hau-cheung indicated that Mr CHING Cheung-ying proposed that the STDC representatives should report their work to the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee (CSCDC) on a regular basis rather than regularly submit papers to the CSCDC by Kitchee.

15. Mr Martin CHOW added that the term of the Consultative Committee would expire on 31 December 2019. For the one-off arrangement of increasing the number of the STDC representatives in the Consultative Committee to three, he would refer members' views to Kitchee.

16. The Chairman expressed that the Kitchee representatives would attend the meeting later that day. He welcomed members to raise questions on Kitchee's operation and agreed to relax the limit on the number of questioners.

17. Since there were only three candidates, members unanimously agreed that Mr Billy CHAN, Mr CHIU Man-leong and Ms Iris WONG would act as Consultative Committee members on behalf of the STDC. Their terms of office was subject to that of the current-term STDC and would expire on 31 December 2019.

Brief Note on the 2016 Population By-census
(Paper No. CSCD 21/2016)

18. The Chairman welcomed Ms Sharon NG, Senior Statistician (Census and Demographic Statistics), and Mr NG Sui-on, Senior Census and Survey Officer (Census) 6, from the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), to attend the meeting and answer members' questions.

19. Ms Sharon NG briefly introduced the contents of the paper and gave a presentation.

20. Mr Billy CHAN asked the C&SD how they ensured the accuracy of the information submitted online, and whether the households who were not selected could download mobile applications for use.

21. Mr NG Kam-hung and Mr CHAN Nok-hang wanted to know the contents of the questionnaires.

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

- (a) he asked whether the sampled 300 000 housing units included rural households;
- (b) he wished to know the distribution of the sampled households in the Sha Tin District and the proportion of the sampled households in each housing estate in the district; and
- (c) he asked whether the public needed to sign for confirmation if the survey was conducted in the form of e-questionnaires, whether the information submitted could be amended, and how to ensure that the information would not be tampered with.

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

- (a) he asked whether the Department had prepared paper questionnaires for enumerators in case of failure of their tablets; and

- (b) he asked the Department how they guaranteed the safety of enumerators, and he wished to know the gender composition of the enumerators.

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

- (a) he asked whether the mobile questionnaire survey carried out through tablets would be conducted offline or online, and how the Department ensured that all information was properly encrypted and would not be disclosed;
- (b) he asked whether the electronic data obtained from the questionnaires were stored in a central server, and if so, whether the central server was kept by a government department or an outsourced contractor, and how the Department monitored the outsourced contractor to prevent data leakage;
- (c) he believed that the Department would prepare paper questionnaires, and the data obtained would be manually input into a computer. He asked the Department how they ensured that the personnel who input data were abided by the principle of confidentiality of information;
- (d) if tablets were used, the statistical data might be stored temporarily. He asked the Department how they ensured that the statistical data were encrypted and that all statistics were cleared before the tablets were reused; and
- (e) the number of constituencies of Sha Tin had changed in the current-term STDC, and he asked the Department whether they would update the data.

25. The views of Mr HO Hau-cheung were summarised below:

- (a) he asked the Department when they would begin to divide the data in accordance with the District Council Constituencies (DCCs);
- (b) since the District Councils would make reference to the statistics of the Department during discussion of each item, he suggested that the data be itemised in accordance with the matters of concern of each District Council in the future, such as various social services and traffic and transport; and
- (c) he believed that the census might not fully match the needs of the District Councils to resolve the issues at district level. He proposed that the Department consult all District Councils before conducting the next census.

26. The views of Mr PUN Kwok-shan were summarised below:

- (a) he was aware that many households living in sub-divided units shared mailboxes and flat numbers. He asked the Department how it contacted such tenants; and
- (b) as many local residents filled out the forms with the assistance of District Council Members, he hoped that the Department could provide simple guidelines to the District Council Members who assisted the residents.

27. Mr YIP Wing asked the Department how they notified the visually and hearing impaired persons that the census would be conducted on them, and whether they would send sign language interpreters to assist enumerators.

28. Mr WONG Hok-lai enquired of the Department about the requirements on the sampled respondents and how it ensured that there was no deviation in the data obtained. In addition, he wanted to know the definition of floor area of buildings given by the Department.

29. Mr WONG Yue-hon pointed out that a number of villages had problems like unauthorised building works and squatters. He asked the Department how it selected tenants so as to ensure that such households would be covered by the census. He also asked the Department how to find out households that were not officially recorded, such as those living in industrial buildings.

30. The views of Mr Thomas PANG were summarised below:

- (a) the public might not be able to provide accurate data to the enumerators for various reasons, and he asked whether the Department had set up a mechanism to fine-tune the data in order to ensure the accuracy of the survey results;
- (b) since the population data might be biased due to the influence of factors such as immigrant population, he wished to know how the Department ensured the accuracy of the information;
- (c) he asked the Department how they co-ordinated with other government departments in terms of census so as to support the development of Hong Kong;
- (d) he asked whether the Department would report to the police if enumerators were found to have violations during investigation; and
- (e) he suggested that the tablets be allocated to each District Council for use after the completion of census.

31. Ms CHAN Man-kuen recommended that the Department take the initiative to contact the management office and the Owners' Corporation of each housing estate so as to prevent criminals from taking the opportunity to carry out illegal activities.

32. Ms Scarlett PONG asked whether the tablets transmitted information in the form of mobile data or wireless data.

33. Mr PUN Kwok-shan and Ms Scarlett PONG enquired about the differences between the questions relating to "reading/writing language skills" in the questionnaires and how to accurately judge respondents' writing language skills.

34. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he enquired when the publicity work of the census would commence;

- (b) he enquired whether enumerators would be sent to visit the households again if they lost their tablets;
- (c) he enquired whether the Department would reduce the number of enumerators due to the use of e-questionnaires, and if so, to what extent the number would be reduced;
- (d) he asked whether the Department had negotiated with other departments when preparing the questionnaires, and added or deleted specific questions so as to meet the needs of individual departments; and
- (e) he asked about the differences between this population by-census and the decennial census.

35. Ms Sharon NG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the C&SD conducted stratified sampling by using scientific statistical methods, ensuring that residential buildings with different population and of different types were included in the sampling frame. The Department had consulted the Department of Statistics of various local universities on the above statistical methods to ensure that those methods were fair and feasible. According to the latest statistics, the Department selected about 25 000 quarters in the Sha Tin District. The C&SD would first take addresses as statistical units to conduct the selection, and then send letters to the households living at the selected addresses. The use of such units was not known beforehand;
- (b) the mobile questionnaire survey would be conducted online with mobile data, and the data collected could be transferred to the central server managed by the Department using encryption programmes offered by the government. If the online mode could not be used, enumerators could use tablets in offline mode and the statistical data would be encrypted according to the information security legislation prescribed by the government. To carry out this population by-census, the Department had acquired about 6 000 tablets. Since technology was changing rapidly, the tablets purchased this time may not be used in the next census. Hence, the Department was reviewing whether this batch of tablets could be used in the daily operation of other government departments. It had also contacted various social welfare organisations through the Social Welfare Department to see whether this batch of tablets was useful to them;
- (c) since paper questionnaires would not be used in the current survey, the Department did not hire any data entry clerks;
- (d) regarding information dissemination, the Department had detailed statistics on the latest constituencies of each District Council and would take large housing estates as statistical units to collect basic demographic data. Those data had been uploaded to the Department's website for public perusal, and the practice of publishing data in accordance with the DCCs had been used for some time;

- (e) for the contents of the questionnaires, all data items had been uploaded to the website established by the Department for this population by-census. As regards the new item “reading/writing language skills”, the Department had conducted prior consultation with many non-governmental organisations, and was aware that organisations which focused on minority groups hoped to include this data item to deepen their understanding of the “reading/writing language skills” of ethnic minorities. The Department therefore suggested adding this data item with a view to assisting the government in promoting related work, and this data item was defined according to the guidelines of the United Nations;
- (f) for households living in sub-divided units, the Department had conducted investigations beforehand and learned the problems mentioned by members. Therefore, the Department would carry out a sample survey on households living in sub-divided units by using scientific methods;
- (g) regarding the use of data, the Department had previously negotiated with various government departments for maintaining close contact with related departments on the education data;
- (h) the Department fully implemented the arrangement of paired visits to households for the first time and would communicate with the police to ensure the safety of enumerators. The Department had taught enumerators ways of self-protection in training;
- (i) selected households could download the mobile application to fill out the questionnaires, and a specific account activation number would be provided to them for signing in. The Department would provide the scope of data in the questionnaires for the households to write the responses and send enumerators to make home visits so as to review the data. The C&SD had taken the initiative to contact each estate management office in advance, informing them that the Department was about to pay home visits to households and hoped that they could cooperate with the Department. Upon receipt of the data submitted by the public, the Department would fine-tune the initial statistics and estimates in a scientific manner on the basis of other information to ensure the data quality;
- (j) according to the *Census and Statistics Ordinance*, the Department would not disclose the collected statistical data to any third party organisations, including government departments; and
- (k) visually impaired persons could fill out the questionnaires on a dedicated website in accordance with the internationally recognised *Web Content Accessibility Guidelines*, and the Department would also provide appropriate assistance for the surveyed hearing impaired persons.

Formation of Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc) under the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 36/2016)

36. The Chairman asked members to endorse Paper No. CSCD 36/2016, including the following arrangements:

- (a) a Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc) should be formed and its terms of reference should be laid down;
- (b) the terms of office of the Working Group should be from 23 June to 31 August 2016;
- (c) Working Group members must be STDC Members; and
- (d) electing an STDC Member who also acted as a CSCDC member to act as the convenor of the Working Group to assume the responsibility of approving the funding applications of the Cultural, Recreation and Sports Group.

37. Members unanimously endorsed the above-mentioned arrangements.

38. The Chairman briefly introduced the procedures for electing the convenor of the Working Group to members. Candidates, nominators and seconders of the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc) were as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconders</u>
Mr YIU Ka-chun	Mr WONG Yue-hon	Mr LI Sai-wing Ms TUNG Kin-lei

39. The Chairman announced that since there was only one candidate, Mr YIU Ka-chun was elected ipso facto.

40. Mr CHING Cheung-ying declared his interest as a director of the Sha Tin Arts Association and the Sha Tin Sports Association. As the amount stated in the funding application in the first round did not meet the actual needs, the relevant organisations might revise and re-submit its funding application to the STDC.

41. Mr Martin CHOW supplemented that according to the Procedures and Rules for Application of Funds, the use of the STDC reserves must be approved by the STDC. Since the Working Group should carry out its work as soon as possible and it could not meet the schedule of meetings of the STDC and the Finance and General Affairs Committee (FGAC), the Secretariat would deal with the papers by circulation with the consent of the Chairman of the STDC and the Chairman of the FGAC.

Formation of Working Groups under the Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 22/2016)

42. The Chairman asked members to consider whether they agreed to set up the Working Group on Recreation and Sports Development and the Working Group on Festive Celebrations and endorse their terms of reference in accordance with the proposals in the paper.

43. Members unanimously endorsed the establishment of the Working Group on Recreation and Sports Development and the Working Group on Festive Celebrations, as well as their terms of reference.

44. The Chairman proposed that the convenors of the two Working Groups be elected in accordance with the following criteria and procedures:

- (a) the convenors of the Working Groups must be STDC Members;
- (b) each candidate should be nominated by one member and seconded by at least two other members;
- (c) if there was only one candidate, the candidate was deemed to be elected ipso facto; and
- (d) if there was more than one candidate, the convenor would be elected by members present through electronic voting, and the one who obtained an absolute majority of votes would be elected.

45. Members unanimously agreed to elect the convenors of the two Working Groups in accordance with the above criteria and procedures.

46. The Chairman invited members to nominate candidates for the post of convenor of the Working Group on Recreation and Sports Development.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconders</u>
Mr Tiger WONG	Mr LI Sai-wing	Mr Alvin LEE Ms TUNG Kin-lei

47. Since there were no other nominations at the meeting, the Chairman declared that the nomination process was immediately closed, and Mr Tiger WONG was elected ipso facto as the convenor of the Working Group on Recreation and Sports Development.

48. The Chairman invited members to nominate candidates for the post of convenor of the Working Group on Festive Celebrations.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconders</u>
Mr LI Sai-wing	Ms TUNG Kin-lei	Ms Scarlett PONG Ms YUE Shin-man

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconders</u>
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	Mr YAU Man-chun	Mr CHAN Nok-hang Mr Sunny CHIU

49. The Chairman announced the voting result as follows: 19 votes for Mr LI Sai-wing, 16 votes for Mr LAI Tsz-yan and no abstention vote. Mr LI Sai-wing obtained an absolute majority of votes and was elected as convenor of the Working Group on Festive Celebrations.

Funding Applications

Funding Application of the Sha Tin Celebration Committee (Revised)
(Paper No. CSCD 23/2016)

50. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the Sha Tin Celebration Committee to the meeting and answer members' questions.
51. Ms TUNG Kin-lei declared her interest as a member of the Sha Tin Celebration Committee or the co-organiser Shatin Youths Association. The Chairman expressed that she could attend the meeting, but had no right to vote on this funding application.
52. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Funding Application of the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 37/2016)

53. Mr CHIU Man-leong, Ms CHAN Man-kuen, Mr Tiger WONG, Mr Victor LEUNG and Mr Sunny CHIU declared their interest as members of the applicant organisation, that is, the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee (STACPC). The Chairman indicated that they could attend the meeting, but had no right to vote on this funding application.
54. The views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung were summarised below:
- (a) he enquired of the STDO about the details of some individual expenditure items, including awards/memorial certificates for participants, licence fees/royalties, venue rentals, refreshments for guests and programme production costs. According to his understanding, the Sha Tin Town Hall should have paid part of the license fees/royalties for the performing groups, and the organiser might not need to spend large amounts of programme production costs as the Sha Tin Town Hall was well equipped with facilities. In addition, he did not understand why staff salaries contained Mandatory Provident Fund contributions and thought that the organiser should consider whether the expenditure item on theatre workshop instructors was necessary;
 - (b) he asked whether the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) would pay the license fees/royalties on behalf of the hirers of the Sha Tin Town Hall and whether the Sha Tin Town Hall had permitted the STACPC to use its venue; and
 - (c) he asked who should charge the royalties of original repertoires.
55. The views of Mr CHING Cheung-ying were summarised below:
- (a) he opined that regarding extracurricular activities, the programme production costs of the Community Theatre Experience Scheme and the theatre workshop instructor fees were too high. He wished to know how many performances the STACPC would hold in the district after the completion of the theatre training as well as the estimated number of audience;

- (b) he had reservations about the theatre workshop instructor fees of the above activities and hoped that the STACPC would carefully review the fees again;
- (c) he considered that the design and printing costs of the programme booklets for the above-mentioned activities were too high; and
- (d) he believed that there was no need to invite the two Vice-Chairmen of the STACPC to attend the meeting.

56. Mr Thomas PANG thought that the applicant organisation should not include undetermined budget items in the funding application and should ensure the implementation of each expenditure item.

57. Mr Billy CHAN asked how to determine the costs of the professional performers for the Promotion Programme and Showcase of Youth Dance and whether the STACPC would invite local organisations to participate in the event. As certain expenditure items were for use when it rained, he asked how to deal with the appropriate funds if there was no rain.

58. Mr SIU Hin-hong proposed to review the financial and social benefits of the activities funded by the STDC. He opined that the STDO should step up random checks on the uses of allocated funds for different activities.

59. Mr NG Kam-hung considered that all funding application items should be put to vote by means of the electronic voting system. He asked the Secretariat about the differences between the choices of “abstain from voting” and “did not vote”.

60. Mr Michael YUNG, Mr NG Kam-hung and Mr WONG Yue-hon said that since members took different views on each funding application, they requested to vote on the six funding applications listed in the paper one by one.

61. Mr Anthony YUNG, Liaison Officer i/c (Youth Programme) of the STDO gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) for the Community Theatre Experience Scheme, the STACPC would grant awards/certificates to participants as a token of encouragement and memento;
- (b) the STACPC would produce a musical and invite troupes to take up the matters related to licence fees/royalties. The purpose of independently listing the licence fees/royalties was to allow members to note the amount of money involved;
- (c) refreshments for guests incurred one of the expected expenditures for the opening ceremony, and the STACPC would use the allocated funds as needed, while all details of the activities would follow the principle of maximal simplicity;
- (d) staff salaries were paid to community organisers who were responsible for co-ordination prior to activities, and the requested amount of funding would be determined according to the current salaries of community organisers;

- (e) programme production costs were necessary expenses for the invited troupes for costs like setting up the stage. The STACPC was expected to hire music and dance instructors. Therefore, they applied for funding for the theatre workshop instructor fees according to experience and the actual needs;
- (f) the venue rentals were reserved costs, including the rent of the rehearsal venue. If the Sha Tin Town Hall could be successfully hired, there was no need to use the funds;
- (g) the STACPC would print programme booklets for the Community Theatre Experience Scheme. He stressed that the STACPC would follow the procedures for government procurement to acquire goods or services at market prices;
- (h) for the Promotion Programme and Showcase of Youth Dance, the STACPC would fund local organisations in the form of grants, and would invite professional dance troupes to put on performances at market prices. The purpose of renting the canopy was to ensure that the activities would not be influenced by the weather; and
- (i) the STDO had set up an independent review group to ensure the proper use of funds for each activity.

62. Ms May TSANG, Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion of the LCSD responded that since the activities were original repertoires, the organiser needed to pay licence fees/royalties on their own. The Department would waive the rent if the STDO successfully hired the Sha Tin Town Hall. If writers were invited to write plays, the royalties of the original repertoires would be charged by the writers.

63. Mr Martin CHOW added that the *Sha Tin District Council Standing Order* (Standing Order) did not specify whether the matters described in discussion papers could be put to vote one by one, and the final decision rested with the Chairman of the CSCDC. Moreover, he explained that members who had not voted did not indicate their stance while members who had abstained from voting indicated their stance.

64. Mr YAU Man-chun requested an open ballot, and his request was supported by four members.

65. The Chairman announced that the six funding applications listed in the paper would be put to vote one by one, and the voting results were as follows:

Art at Dusk:

Members who voted for the application (29):

Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr Tiger WONG, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr HO Hau-cheung, Ms YUE Shin-man, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr LI Sai-wing, Mr LI Sai-hung, Mr Wilson LI, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr YIU Ka-chun, Mr TONG Hok-leung, Mr Michael YUNG, Mr Rick HUI, Mr Billy CHAN, Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Mr Thomas PANG, Ms TSANG So-lai, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Ms Iris WONG, Mr WONG Yue-hon, Mr WONG Ka-wing, Mr WONG Hok-lai, Mr YIP Wing,

Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Mr PUN Kwok-shan, Mr LAI Tsz-yan, Mr SIU Hin-hong,
Ms Scarlett PONG.

Member who abstained from voting (1):

Mr WAI Hing-cheung.

66. The Chairman announced that the funding application for Art at Dusk was approved.

Sha Tin Cultural Studies and Publicity Programme:

Members who voted for the application (29):

Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr Tiger WONG, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr HO Hau-cheung,
Ms YUE Shin-man, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr LI Sai-wing, Mr LI Sai-hung,
Mr Wilson LI, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr YIU Ka-chun, Mr TONG Hok-leung,
Mr Michael YUNG, Mr Rick HUI, Mr Billy CHAN, Mr CHAN Nok-hang,
Mr Thomas PANG, Ms TSANG So-lai, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Ms Iris WONG,
Mr WONG Yue-hon, Mr WONG Ka-wing, Mr WONG Hok-lai, Mr YIP Wing,
Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Mr PUN Kwok-shan, Mr LAI Tsz-yan, Mr SIU Hin-hong,
Ms Scarlett PONG.

Member who abstained from voting (1):

Mr WAI Hing-cheung.

67. The Chairman announced that the funding application for the Sha Tin Cultural Studies and Publicity Programme was approved.

Community Theatre Experience Scheme:

Members who voted for the application (8):

Mr Tiger WONG, Mr HO Hau-cheung, Ms YUE Shin-man, Mr LI Sai-wing,
Mr Thomas PANG, Ms Iris WONG, Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Mr SIU Hin-hong.

Members who voted against the application (14):

Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr LI Sai-hung,
Mr Wilson LI, Mr Rick HUI, Mr Billy CHAN, Mr CHAN Nok-hang,
Ms TSANG So-lai, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Mr WONG Hok-lai, Mr YIP Wing,
Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Mr LAI Tsz-yan.

Members who abstained from voting (6):

Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr YIU Ka-chun, Mr TONG Hok-leung, Mr WONG Yue-hon,
Mr WONG Ka-wing, Ms Scarlett PONG.

Members who did not vote (2):

Mr Michael YUNG, Mr PUN Kwok-shan.

68. The Chairman announced that the funding application for the Community Theatre Experience Scheme was not approved.

Outdoor Art Installation Scheme:

Members who voted for the application (12):

Mr Tiger WONG, Mr HO Hau-cheung, Mr LI Sai-wing, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr YIU Ka-chun, Mr TONG Hok-leung, Mr Thomas PANG, Ms Iris WONG, Mr WONG Yue-hon, Mr WONG Ka-wing, Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Mr SIU Hin-hong.

Members who voted against the application (15):

Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr LI Sai-hung, Mr Wilson LI, Mr Michael YUNG, Mr Rick HUI, Mr Billy CHAN, Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Ms TSANG So-lai, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Mr WONG Hok-lai, Mr YIP Wing, Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Mr LAI Tsz-yan.

Member who abstained from voting (1):

Ms Scarlett PONG.

Members who did not vote (2):

Ms YUE Shin-man, Mr PUN Kwok-shan.

69. The Chairman announced that the funding application for the Outdoor Art Installation Scheme was not approved.

Docent Programme on Arts:

Members who voted for the application (26):

Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr Tiger WONG, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr HO Hau-cheung, Ms YUE Shin-man, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr LI Sai-wing, Mr LI Sai-hung, Mr Wilson LI, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr YIU Ka-chun, Mr TONG Hok-leung, Mr Michael YUNG, Mr Rick HUI, Mr Billy CHAN, Mr Thomas PANG, Ms TSANG So-lai, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Ms Iris WONG, Mr WONG Yue-hon, Mr WONG Ka-wing, Mr YIP Wing, Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Mr PUN Kwok-shan, Mr SIU Hin-hong, Ms Scarlett PONG.

Members who abstained from voting (3):

Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Mr LAI Tsz-yan.

Member who did not vote (1):

Mr WONG Hok-lai.

70. The Chairman announced that the funding application for the Docent Programme on Arts was approved.

Promotion Programme and Showcase of Youth Dance:

Members who voted for the application (17):

Mr Tiger WONG, Mr HO Hau-cheung, Ms YUE Shin-man, Mr LI Sai-wing, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr YIU Ka-chun, Mr TONG Hok-leung, Mr Michael YUNG, Mr Thomas PANG, Ms Iris WONG, Mr WONG Yue-hon, Mr WONG Ka-wing, Mr YIP Wing, Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Mr PUN Kwok-shan, Mr SIU Hin-hong, Ms Scarlett PONG.

Members who abstained from voting (13):

Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr LI Sai-hung, Mr Wilson LI, Mr Rick HUI, Mr Billy CHAN, Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Ms TSANG So-lai, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Mr WONG Hok-lai, Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Mr LAI Tsz-yan.

71. The Chairman announced that the funding application for the Promotion Programme and Showcase of Youth Dance was approved.

72. Mr HO Hau-cheung said that the discussion on this agenda item showed that members were cautious about the use of funds allocated by the STDC and were concerned about certain individual expenditure items. He considered that the committees under the STDO should set out the budget according to their actual needs when applying for funding.

Funding Application of the Planning Committee on Festive Lighting in Sha Tin
(Paper No. CSCD 38/2016)

73. Mr Simon WONG, Assistant District Officer of the STDO briefly introduced the paper.

74. Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Mr Tiger WONG, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Ms CHAN Man-kuen, Ms Iris WONG and Ms YUE Shin-man declared their interest as members of the applicant organisation, that is, the Planning Committee on Festive Lighting in Sha Tin, as well as members of the co-organiser Shatin Women's Association or Sha Tin Arts Association. The Chairman indicated that they could attend the meeting, but had no right to vote on this funding application.

75. Mr Billy CHAN wanted to know the details about the printing costs of VIP cards and work permits. He opined that the printing cost of posters was a bit too high.

76. Mr TING Tsz-yuen wished to know the details of the executive fees for 2016/2017 Sha Tin festive lighting activities.

77. Mr NG Kam-hung asked the Chairman why the voting was not conducted by using the electronic voting system.

78. Ms Bianca LEE, Liaison Officer i/c (West) 3 of the STDO responded that the printing works of VIP cards, work permits and posters had gone through tendering procedures. The costs of VIP cards and work permits included design fees. Regarding the executive fees, she said it was expected that the employment period of the full-time organiser would be from August this year to 31 March next year, and the monthly salary was about \$10,000.

79. Mr Martin CHOW indicated that Order 31 (3) of the *Standing Orders* stipulated that if an issue pending decision did not lead to any dispute or was a routine procedure, the Chairman might make an enquiry into whether dissenting views existed, and conduct voting on an objection-free basis. The Chairman might also let members vote by acclamation, but if objected by any member, voting had to be conducted by a show of hands.

80. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Motion

Motion by Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson on Enhancement of the Wu Kai Sha Beach and Feasibility of Extending the Waterfront Promenade and Cycle Tracks
(Paper No. CSCD 24/2016)

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

- (a) since Wu Kai Sha Beach was popular among the public, he hoped that the government could consider optimising the facilities of the beach and upgrading it to an official beach, and the LCSD should be responsible for its management;
- (b) since To Tau Wan was a natural conservation area with an ideal environment, he hoped that the government could extend the waterfront promenade to that location so that residents could enjoy the beautiful environment there; and
- (c) at present, many residents cycled to the final section of the cycle tracks and went to the vicinity of Wu Kai Sha Village. He strongly supported cycling activities and hoped that the government could study the feasibility of extending the cycle tracks to To Tau, while at the same time ensuring that the surrounding environment was protected.

82. Mr LI Sai-wing indicated that the STDC had discussed matters on Wu Kai Sha Beach many times in the past, but no practical results had been achieved over the years. He believed that the motion was in the right approach, but suggested that Mr Wilson LI add “the relevant department of the authority should be responsible for the daily management” to the motion to clarify the management responsibility.

83. Mr WONG Yue-hon and Mr Michael YUNG considered that only adding changing rooms and toilets would pose potential risks to the safety of swimmers. They believed that the authority should consider upgrading Wu Kai Sha Beach to an official beach and providing lifeguard services. Mr Michael YUNG was concerned which department should be responsible for the management of the additional facilities.

84. Mr WONG Ka-wing suggested that Mr Wilson LI first request the authority to study whether the water quality of Wu Kai Sha Beach was suitable for swimming in the motion, and then request the authority to add changing rooms, toilets and other facilities.

85. Mr HO Hau-cheung appreciated the contents of the motion and hoped that Mr Wilson LI could consider members' suggestions to express concerns over water quality and the safety of swimmers in the motion.

86. Mr Thomas PANG agreed that there was a need to upgrade Wu Kai Sha Beach to an official beach, rather than install additional facilities only. The government had conducted studies in the past and found that the water flow was slow and the water quality was unsatisfactory, and the suggestion was therefore not adopted. He thought that the government could once again study the feasibility of upgrading Wu Kai Sha Beach to an official beach.

87. Mr Wilson LI agreed that lifeguard services should be added to ensure the safety of swimmers, and the water quality was also important. Based on members' views, he put forward the following motion:

“The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the authorities to examine the enhancement of the Wu Kai Sha Beach to a formal beach and optimisation of the facilities, such as providing changing rooms, toilets and lifeguard services, with the routine management duties being undertaken by the relevant department under the authorities, as well as to examine the feasibility of extending the water promenade and cycle tracks to To Tau.”

Ms TSANG So-lai seconded the motion.

88. The Chairman asked members whether they agreed to endorse the motion in paragraph 87.

89. Members unanimously endorsed the motion in paragraph 87.

Motion by Mr NG Kam-hung on Enhancement of Breastfeeding Facilities
(Paper No. CSCD 39/2016)

90. The views of Mr NG Kam-hung were summarised below:

- (a) there were only seven public places in which breastfeeding facilities were available in the Sha Tin District at present, and only four of them were government facilities. Such a ratio was low;
- (b) the Food and Health Bureau established a committee in 2008 to promote breastfeeding, but as at 2013, only 22% of the 696 government venues provided breastfeeding facilities, and those facilities were mainly located at the airport and medical institutions. He thought that it was unreasonable; and
- (c) although the Department of Health was in the charge of the matters relating to breastfeeding policies, other departments, particularly those played a part in planning government sites, should also take the issue seriously.

91. Ms LAM Chung-yan agreed that the promotion of breastfeeding policies would facilitate children's growth, but she considered that the motion was unclear. For example, the motion proposer neither indicated whether he wanted to increase the number of breastfeeding facilities nor proposed to allocate funding to any institutions to set up breastfeeding facilities. In addition, she had reservations about the sentence "but the current situation was that there were no suitable breastfeeding places for breastfeeding mothers when they went out" in the motion.

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

- (a) he opined that the first two paragraphs should be the background of the motion, while the wording "Sha Tin District Council" in the third paragraph should be replaced by "the relevant committee";
- (b) he opined that the meaning of the sentence "enhance the provision of public breastfeeding facilities by the government in libraries, sports grounds and community halls, etc. as soon as possible" in the third paragraph was not clear enough, and therefore he proposed to modify the wording;
- (c) he thought that the reason why breastfeeding facilities could not be provided in public should be explored; and
- (d) he opined that the provision of breastfeeding facilities in shopping malls was subject to government regulations, and the meaning of the wording "relevant institutions" in the motion was not clear enough. He hoped that Mr NG Kam-hung could give explanations.

93. Ms Scarlett PONG said that she had been concerned about breastfeeding issues. She had conducted studies on these issues and found that some government venues had been equipped with breastfeeding facilities. The breastfeeding rooms should be large enough, lockable, without sharp corners and clear instructions for assistance should be available. The basic facilities in breastfeeding rooms should include baby-care rooms and breastfeeding places. She considered that all parties should make an effort to promote breastfeeding.

94. Mr Billy CHAN supported the above motion. Since many public facilities have been sold to Link Real Estate Investment Trust, he suggested that Mr NG Kam-hung consider adding relevant wording. In addition, he thought that it was necessary to enhance public awareness of breastfeeding and avoid that toilets for the disabled and breastfeeding facilities shared the same room.

95. Mr CHAN Nok-hang supported the breastfeeding initiative. The original intent of Mr NG Kam-hung to put forward the motion was to ensure that breastfeeding mothers did not have to feed their babies surreptitiously, and he opined that the suggestion was worth appreciation praise. As men and women were equal in contemporary society, it was normal for both genders to care for the needs of each other. This was also the responsibility of District Council Members.

96. Citing his family as an example, Mr TING Tsz-yuen said that he had personally encountered the difficulty in breastfeeding. The original intent of the motion was to improve the situation by starting from community facilities. He agreed to consider modifying the wording of the motion.

97. Mr Sunny CHIU asked the Secretariat whether they had assisted the motion proposer in modifying the wording of the motion.

98. Mr LI Sai-wing proposed to change the wording “Hong Kong Government” in the first paragraph into “Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government” in the third paragraph to make the wording consistent.

99. Mr Wilson LI opined that the above motion was worth the support from the gender mainstreaming perspective.

100. Mr Martin CHOW responded that the Secretariat would refer members’ questions to Official Language Officers for polishing. As long as members submitted their motions within the normal time frame of the STDC, the Secretariat would arrange their motions for discussion at the meetings.

101. Mr NG Kam-hung thanked members for giving advice and was willing to revise the wording. In addition, he explained to members that to “enhance” breastfeeding rooms meant to improve the existing breastfeeding rooms.

102. Mr Thomas PANG said that some shopping malls were under the management of the Government. He suggested that the wording “relevant institutions” be changed into “relevant government institutions”.

103. With reference to members’ opinions, Mr NG Kam-hung proposed the following motion:

“The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee under the Sha Tin District Council urged the government to expeditiously set up breastfeeding rooms, baby-care rooms, etc. in public facilities such as libraries, sports grounds and community halls to address residents’ demands.”

Mr TING Tsz-yuen seconded the motion.

104. Ms LAM Chung-yan proposed the following amendments:

“The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council urges the government to thoroughly inspect the provision of breastfeeding rooms in public places, and consider increasing and optimising relevant facilities, as well as put more effort into prompting all sectors of society to support breastfeeding.”

Ms Scarlett PONG seconded the motion.

105. The Chairman asked members whether they agreed to endorse the motion in paragraph 104.

106. Members unanimously endorsed the motion in paragraph 104.

Questions

Question to be Raised by Mr LI Sai-wing on Public Swimming Pools in Sha Tin
(Paper No. CSCD 25/2016)

107. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEUNG Ting-pong, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 1 of the LCSD to the meeting and answer members' questions.

108. Mr LI Sai-wing said that he would put forward a provisional motion on this issue.

109. The Chairman asked members whether they agreed to discuss the provisional motion proposed by Mr LI Sai-wing.

110. Members agreed to discuss the provisional motion put forward by Mr LI Sai-wing.

111. Mr LI Sai-wing proposed the following provisional motion:

“As the population of Ma On Shan has already exceeded 200,000 and there is a great demand for public swimming pool and heated swimming pool facilities, the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to expeditiously construct heated swimming pools in the Ma On Shan district, so as to provide year-round swimming pool facilities for residents in the district. This not only addresses public needs but also promotes public health.”

Mr Alvin LEE seconded the motion.

112. Mr SIU Hin-hong said that since the construction and maintenance costs of heated swimming pools were high, and there had been several similar facilities in the district, he had reservations about the proposal to construct heated swimming pools in the Ma On Shan District. He believed that the addition of heated swimming pools could be considered only when there were data proving that such swimming pools in that area were in short supply.

113. Mr Wilson LI indicated that since Ma On Shan was developing rapidly, swimming pool facilities had been inadequate there. Also, past data showed that the utilisation rate of the pools in the area was very high. He therefore strongly requested for additional heated swimming pools in the proposed sports centre next to Ma On Shan Police Station so that local residents could use all-weather pool facilities.

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

- (a) according to the paper, swimming pools in Ma On Shan were used more often than Hin Tin Swimming Pool where heated pool facilities were available;
- (b) he asked the LCSD whether they had the attendance data of monthly ticket holders of the swimming pools in the area and wanted to know their proportion to pay-per-visit attendants; LCSD

- (c) the paper did not mention whether the sports centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan could accommodate heated pool facilities. He enquired of the Department about the solution; and
- (d) if residents in Ma On Shan wished to use heated swimming pools, they needed to go to Sha Tin Central or Tai Wai, and that was really inconvenient. He asked the Department how to solve this problem.

115. Mr TONG Hok-leung expressed support for the above-mentioned provisional motion. He had swum in Hin Tin Swimming Pool and found that the utilisation rate of heated pool facilities was very high.

116. Mr YIP Wing expressed that residents in the Ma On Shan District had a great demand for heated swimming pools. He asked why wheelchair users were required to use the wheelchairs provided by the Department only if they were to enter Ma On Shan Swimming Pool.

117. Mr SIU Hin-hong explained that the reason why he had reservations about the proposal to construct heated swimming pools in the Ma On Shan District was that he was aware of the low utilisation rate of swimming pools in the area.

118. In response to Mr YIP Wing, the Chairman said that the discussion was about the above-mentioned provisional motion, and he had previously asked members whether they had any comments on this question. He hoped that the Department would note members' comments and recommended that members follow up individual matters with the Department after the meeting.

119. The Chairman asked members whether they agreed to endorse the provisional motion in paragraph 111.

120. Members unanimously endorsed the provisional motion in paragraph 111.

Question to be Raised by Mr YAU Man-chun on Noise Nuisance along the Bank of Shing Mun River
(Paper No. CSCD 26/2016)

121. The Chairman said that he noted at the meeting that Mr YAU Man-chun entrusted Mr Billy CHAN in writing to express views on his behalf.

122. The views of Mr Billy CHAN expressed on behalf of Mr YAU Man-chun were summarised below:

- (a) the noise nuisance along the bank of Shing Mun River had existed for a long time, and the phone calls to the hotline provided by the police often could not get through;
- (b) the two banks of Shing Mun River were within the jurisdiction of two police stations respectively, and he asked whether there would be any problem in the allocation of resources; and

- (c) it was reported that the community creation programme of the STDO would include putting outdoor art installations in places where singing and dancing activities took place. He asked whether the STDO would continue to arrange outdoor art installations after the event.

123. The views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung were summarised below:

- (a) according to the replies of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), a total of two citizens were prosecuted and fined in 2015. He asked whether the number of singing and dancing activities at the locations concerned decreased due to the prosecution actions conducted by the police;
- (b) data from various government departments showed that the number of complaints about noise at the locations concerned had not decreased over the past year. He questioned that the prosecution actions conducted by the police had no deterrent effect. He asked the Police what factors had been taken into account as the basis for instituting prosecutions against the two citizens and whether such factors still existed after the prosecutions; and
- (c) he asked LCSD whether the copyright owners could collect royalties from singers and dancers for their songs.

124. Mr LEUNG Hok-sum, Commander of Operations and Support (Sha Tin) of the HKPF gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) he said that the most direct way to make complaints about noise was to call 999;
- (b) the number of complaints received by the Police from 2015 to 2016 decreased by about a half as compared with the same period of the previous year. Therefore, he opined that the prosecution actions conducted by the Police had deterrent effect; and
- (c) according to the views of the Department of Justice, since the noise complainants thought that noise was the source of nuisance to them, the Police needed to take statements from the complainants, and the complainants should testify in court.

125. Ms May TSANG replied that copyright owners were entitled to collect royalties from the performers if the shows were public performances.

126. Mr Raymond LUI, Liaison Officer i/c (West) 4 of the STDO responded that the STACPC cooperated with the arts group HULU Culture to place outdoor art installations at the sites where singing and dancing activities took place and Lek Yuen Bridge from April to June this year. The STDO would also take advantage of the Community Signature Project Scheme to consider setting up different community facilities, such as elderly fitness facilities at those locations for public use.

Question to be Raised by Mr WAI Hing-cheung on the Lifebuoys along the Bank of Shing Mun River
(Paper No. CSCD 40/2016)

127. The views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung were summarised below:

- (a) he asked the Secretariat which government department the question had been referred to;
- (b) he asked the Drainage Services Department (DSD) about the details of the contractors, the number and placement time of lifebuoys mentioned in their written replies, and enquired whether the Department had any restrictions on specifications for lifebuoys;
- (c) some members of the public found that it was hard to untie the above-mentioned lifebuoys, and he questioned whether the lifebuoys could serve their purpose if members of the public or contractors' workers were in danger. He opined that the DSD should make it clear to the public that the above lifebuoys were not for public use; and
- (d) he thought that the crux of the problem was that no government department was willing to take up the responsibility to place lifebuoys throughout Hong Kong.

128. Mr Martin CHOW responded that the Secretariat had referred the question to a number of government departments, but only the LCSD and the DSD had given written replies.

129. Mr WONG Tze-ying, Engineer (Sha Tin) of the DSD indicated that the functions of the DSD did not include placing lifebuoys along the bank of Shing Mun River for public use. The temporary lifebuoys along the bank of Shing Mun River near Man Lai Court were provided by contractors for use by workers. It was a safety measure for workers when they cleaned up the channels, rather than for public use. He accepted members' views and said that he would discuss with the contractors how to make it easy for workers to untie the lifebuoys for use.

Question to be Raised by Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung on Football Development in Sha Tin
(Paper No. CSCD 41/2016)

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

- (a) regarding the hire periods mentioned by Kitchee in its written reply, he asked whether the activities that occupied such periods included the football competitions for Groups U6 to U12 and the training programme co-organised with Yan Chai Hospital Tung Chi Ying Memorial Secondary School;
- (b) he asked whether the provisions for Project Phoenix covered football teams that were just promoted to the Hong Kong Premier League (HKPL), and whether the provisions would be used to improve the quality of football pitches in Hong Kong;

- (c) he asked whether professional teams would be accorded priority to hire the LCSD venues;
- (d) he enquired about the training hours of Groups U10 to U18 per week;
- (e) he enquired of the Sha Tin Sports Association about the details of the “Sha Tin Football Fans Club”, the performance of the Sha Tin District Football Team and the development plan of the Sha Tin District Women Football Team; and
- (f) he expected that the performance of the Sha Tin District Football Team could further improve, and opined that the government should help increase the number of training hours of district football teams.

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

- (a) he asked Kitchee whether the hire periods mentioned in its written reply included the periods used by the Kitchee Football Team;
- (b) if the site where the Jockey Club Kitchee Centre was located was leased on short-term tenancy, he asked Kitchee whether they had any arrangement if the Government needed to resume the land for other development purposes in the future. The Home Affairs Bureau mentioned the construction of a football training centre in Tseung Kwan O Stage I Landfill in the paper, and he asked whether the centre was developed for Kitchee or other football clubs in Hong Kong;
- (c) he enquired about the positioning of the Consultative Committee. If the government needed to resume the land where the Jockey Club Kitchee Centre was located for other development purposes in the future, what attitudes the STDC representatives in the Consultative Committee should take towards it; and
- (d) he opined that the biggest problem that the Sha Tin District Football Team faced was the lack of venues. He asked whether the Government was determined to promote football and even overall sports in general in Hong Kong.

132. Mr NG Hoi-wai, General Manager of Kitchee gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) as for the utilisation rate of the football pitch mentioned in the paper, the frequency of use by the football matches of Groups U6 to U12 and the training programme co-organised with Yan Chai Hospital Tung Chi Ying Memorial Secondary School were not included;
- (b) Kitchee had previously invited primary schools in Sha Tin to participate in its football training programme and provided equipment for them. At present, there were about 10 to 12 primary schools participating in the programme;

- (c) at present, the number of sessions preferentially granted to the organisation in Sha Tin (Sha Tin Sports Association) by the Jockey Club Kitchee Centre reached a minimum of nine per week;
- (d) Kitchee had no connection with the football training centre which the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) intended to build in Tseung Kwan O; and
- (e) all the papers and minutes of meeting of the Consultative Committee could be disclosed in the future, and members were welcome to refer to them.

133. Mr Francois CHEUNG, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) 1 of the LCSD LCSD indicated that Project Phoenix was a territory-wide programme. He would convey members' views to relevant groups of the Department and supplement programme information after the meeting. Some members wanted to know whether professional teams had the priority to hire the Department's venues, and he said that he would supplement the information after the meeting.

134. Mr CHAN Hon-ying, Vice-Chairman and Director of Football of the Sha Tin Sports Association gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) he thanked members for focusing on the development of football in the Sha Tin District. He said that the costs of football activities conducted by football teams of the HKPL were high, and it was difficult to find organisations to sponsor the operating costs;
- (b) considering that the operating costs were high after being promoted to the HKPL, the Sha Tin District Football Team hesitated to be too aggressive in the last football season. At present, the football team focused more on the training of youth players and fielded youth players to gain as much experience as possible in the football season;
- (c) regarding publicity, the Sha Tin District Football Team would continue to seek approval from the Government to post publicity materials across the district;
- (d) according to the plan of the Sha Tin Sports Association, the Sha Tin Football Fans Club was responsible for appointing ambassadors to promote the development of football in the district, and he hoped that members could support their programme;
- (e) the current number of training hours of Group U football teams was about 1.5 to 2 per week, and he expected that the Government could provide more resources;
- (f) the Sha Tin District Women Football Team had been established for many years. The HKFA was in charge of the women football league at present, and the performance of the football teams of the Sha Tin District was impressive; and
- (g) he expected that the STDC could allocate more funds to support the development of football in Sha Tin.

Information Papers

Report and Programme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Cultural Activities and Utilisation of Facilities in Sha Tin District (2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2016)

(Paper No. CSCD 42/2016)

135. Members noted the above information paper.

Report and Programme of 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 2016)

(Paper No. CSCD 43/2016)

136. Members noted the above information paper.

Report and Programme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Promotion Activities of Public Libraries in Sha Tin District (2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2016)

(Paper No. CSCD 44/2016)

137. Mr Michael YUNG said that the concerned department had installed a container-style office in front of the parking point of the mobile library van after having found that lead content in water samples taken from Yan On Estate had exceeded the standard. He asked the LCSD whether the office would affect the operation of the mobile library van. He was also worried that the emergency vehicular access would be blocked by vehicles if there was no sufficient space. He suggested that the LCSD and the Housing Department (HD) should enhance communication on this issue.

138. Ms Glendy LEE, Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) of the LCSD responded that regarding the issue whether the parking point of the mobile library van would be obstructed during the replacement works of water pipes in Yan On Estate, the Department would continue to maintain communication with the HD on relevant situations and take follow-up actions to avoid impacts on library services. (Supplementary information provided by the LCSD after the meeting: the Department had followed up relevant matters with the HD. The parking point of the mobile library van would not be obstructed during the implementation of relevant works according to the current assessment.)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Arts Association

(Paper No. CSCD 45/2016)

139. Members noted the above information paper.

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Sports Association

(Paper No. CSCD 46/2016)

140. Mr Michael YUNG asked about the details of the newly completed cycling park and archery field in Tai Shui Hang.

141. The Chairman said that tenants of the cycling park were dissatisfied with the lack of water and electricity, and said that they might have their business temporarily suspended if the situation remained unchanged. He hoped that the Sha Tin Sports Association could

waive the rents of tenants or install temporary power generators during the transitional period.

142. Mr CHAN Hon-ying said that according to his understanding, the Sha Tin Sports Association was working on the relocation of the cycling park, and the work was progressing smoothly. He would convey members' views to the relevant staff for follow-up action.

Date of Next Meeting

143. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 25 August 2016 (Thursday).

144. The meeting ended at 7:30 pm.

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