

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 6th Meeting of
the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee in 2016

Date: 27 October 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	4:47 pm
Ms CHAN Man-kuen (Vice-Chairman)	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS, MH	DC Chairman	2:30 pm	4:39 pm
Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	DC Vice-Chairman	2:30 pm	4:18 pm
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	2:30 pm	4:02 pm
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	"	2:30 pm	4:02 pm
Mr CHENG Tsuk-man	"	2:48 pm	4:18 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	"	2:30 pm	4:02 pm
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	"	2:41 pm	4:09 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Ms LAM Chung-yan	"	2:30 pm	4:39 pm
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	"	2:30 pm	4:29 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	2:36 pm	4:06 pm
Mr LI Sai-wing	"	2:30 pm	3:42 pm
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	2:30 pm	3:59 pm
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	"	2:30 pm	4:17 pm
Mr NG Kam-hung	"	2:49 pm	3:59 pm
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, BBS, JP	"	2:30 pm	4:43 pm
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	"	2:40 pm	4:18 pm
Mr SIU Hin-hong	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	"	4:22 pm	4:47 pm
Mr TONG Hok-leung	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	2:30 pm	3:50 pm
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Mr WONG Hok-lai	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	"	2:49 pm	4:47 pm
Mr WONG Yue-hon	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	2:30 pm	4:12 pm
Mr YIP Wing	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Mr YIU Ka-chun	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	2:30 pm	4:47 pm
Mr CHOW Yik-lam, Martin (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) 2 / Sha Tin District Office		

In Attendance

Ms TSANG Suet-man

Mr LEUNG Wing-hang, Eric

Ms LEE Yuk-kit, Glendy

Ms TSANG Mei-ying, May

Ms NG Sheung-han, Alice

Ms LI Wing-sze, Grace

Mr CHEUNG Fu-Yuen, Francois

Ms CHENG Ka-po, Theresa

Ms WAN Siu-ling

Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek

TitleSenior School Development Officer (Sha Tin) 1 /
Education BureauSenior Community Relations Officer (New Territories East) /
Independent Commission Against CorruptionSenior Librarian (Sha Tin) /
Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSenior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion /
Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentManager (New Territories East) Marketing & District
Activities / Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentAssistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sha Tin) 2 /
Social Welfare DepartmentDeputy District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) 1 /
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Chief Liaison Officer / Sha Tin District Office

Senior Liaison Officer (West) / Sha Tin District Office

Senior Executive Officer (District Council) /
Sha Tin District Office**In Attendance by Invitation**

Ms LAI Wing-sau, Winsy

Mr LEE Yuk-wah

Mr KWONG Kam-wing

Ms CHAN Sum-ye, Rita

Ms TSE Shiu-yu, Camelia Dorothy

Title

Chief Health Inspector (2) /

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Senior Health Inspector (Hawkers) /

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Treasurer / Sha Tin Celebration Committee

Liaison Officer in-Charge (East) 2 / Sha Tin District Office

Liaison Officer (East) 2b / Sha Tin District Office

Absent

Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH

Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin

Mr MAK Yun-pui

Ms TSANG So-lai

Ms YUE Shin-man

Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James

Title

DC Member (Application for leave of absence received)

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” (No application for leave of absence received)

Action

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

Application for Leave of Absence

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

Mr CHING Cheung-ying	Official commitment
Mr Alvin LEE	”
Mr MAK Yun-pui	”
Ms TSANG So-lai	”
Ms YUE Shin-man	Sickness

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

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 25 August 2016
(CSCDC Minutes 5/2016)

4. Members confirmed the above minutes unanimously.

Matters Arising

Response of Government Departments to Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting
(Paper No. CSCD 65/2016)

5. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:
- (a) the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) did not explain in the paper why its standing representative was absent from the previous meeting. He opined that LCSD's failure to send any representative to the meeting was disrespect for the Sha Tin District Council;
 - (b) the LCSD was supposed to have been informed of the meeting dates of the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee (CSCDC) early this year, but he really didn't know why the LCSD's representative was still absent from the meeting and no other representative was sent to the meeting. He asked what action the Secretariat took after being told before the previous meeting that the LCSD would not send any representative to the meeting;
 - (c) he was dissatisfied with the opinions expressed by the representative of the LCSD on members' attendance rate, hoping the representative could withdraw the remarks;
 - (d) he stressed that it was very important for government departments to send representatives to the district council meetings. He hoped that the Secretariat could instruct representatives of all departments to attend the meetings of Sha Tin District Council by all means; and
 - (e) he suggested that the Chairman of the CSCDC should address a letter to the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services to state this issue and urge the standing representative of the LCSD to attend the meetings by all means.
6. Ms LAM Chung-yan enquired details about the study on building additional shower rooms for changing rooms at Hin Tin Swimming Pool and hoped that the LCSD would surely send representatives to the meetings in future.
7. Mr Thomas PANG believed that departments should assign officers to the meetings, but if the assigned officers' absences were due to offering assistance to emergency cases, it was understandable.
8. The Chairman pointed out that the terms of reference of the CSCDC had close relations with the work of the LCSD, hoping that similar situation would not recur in future. He asked the Secretariat to address a letter to the LCSD to state this issue in the name of

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the Chairman of the CSCDC and convey members' opinions to the LCSD.

9. Mr Martin CHOW, Executive Officer (District Council) 2 of the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) responded that the Secretariat advised the LCSD to appoint other representatives to the meeting after learning before the previous meeting that no representative was sent by the LCSD to the meeting, but the LCSD did not follow the advice.

10. Mr Francois CHEUNG, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) 1 of the LCSD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) on 25 August, the LCSD needed to provide emergency assistance to the Home Affairs Bureau for dealing with the visit to Hong Kong by a delegation of mainland gold medalists at the "Rio Olympics 2016"; as a result, he was unable to attend the meeting and hereby expressed his apology. He stressed that the LCSD never meant to disrespect the Sha Tin District Council; and
- (b) he welcomed members to exchange views with the LCSD regarding leisure and cultural services of Sha Tin District as in the past.

Funding Applications

Funding Application of Sha Tin District National Education Committee (Paper No. CSCD 66/2016)

11. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Funding Application of the Sha Tin Celebration Committee (Paper No. CSCD 67/2016)

12. Mr SIU Hin-hong opined that the nature of the proposed activity was inconsistent with the mission of activities organised by the Sha Tin Celebration Committee (STCC); besides, the purpose was not clear, and many local organisations were also holding similar activities. The Sha Tin District Council should consider whether to provide corresponding financial support.

13. Mr Michael YUNG believed that the content of the activity was similar to the recycling activity held by the Health and Environment Committee and asked about its relationship with festive celebrations.

14. Mr NG Kam-hung asked how the STCC would carry out the proposed activity. He thought this activity was not cost-efficient, explicitly targeted or highly independent. He asked how the STCC could achieve the expected benefits as described in the paper. He opined that some expenditures listed out in the application were unnecessary.

15. Mr Wilson LI believed the nature of the proposed activity was outside the terms of reference of the CSCDC and was not unique. Public funds should be spent properly; therefore, he objected to this funding application.

16. Mr Sunny CHIU thought that passers-by should not be counted into the number of participants. According to his past experiences in holding activities, the proposed activity

was not cost-efficient.

17. Mr WONG Hok-lai pointed out that funds for the activity were allocated under Expenditure Item 8.3 (Reunification, National Day and Celebration Activity) of the Sha Tin District Council but the activity content had nothing to do with celebration; moreover, the number of staff members did not match the staff allowance amount applied for.

18. Mr LI Sai-wing opined that names of the organisations did not necessarily match the activity held, and pointed out that the activity content fitted in with modern society's emphasis on environmental protection. He thought that members should consider whether this activity could benefit local residents, and the Sha Tin District Council was obligated to supervise the activity.

19. Mr HO Hau-cheung believed the activity content was related to culture and community development. There was nothing wrong with the STCC's intention of taking the occasion of the Lunar New Year Festival to organise an innovative activity.

20. Ms LAM Chung-yan believed the activity content had little to do with the Lunar New Year. She advised to make a minor modification to the activity content and deal with the agenda item by way of circulation of papers.

21. Mr Michael YUNG pointed out that the "nature" and "target" columns on the application form were left blank, so he questioned that the applicant had no idea about the purpose of the activity.

22. Mr KWONG Kam-wing, Treasurer of the STCC responded that the STCC was primarily responsible for building harmonious communities and promoting local celebration activities. Given the traditional thought of "replacing the old with the new" as advocated at the Lunar New Year, the STCC wished to take this opportunity to organise this activity in response to the government's appeal to reduce waste in recent years. The number of participants of the activity was estimated based on the people flow of the Sha Tin Town Hall Plaza. This activity focused on the interaction between community and participants and emphasised the importance of recycling of festival waste.

23. The Chairman asked members to vote on whether to endorse the above funding application.

24. The Chairman announced the voting result as follows: 10 in favour, 15 against and 7 abstentions. He announced that the above funding application was not endorsed.

Questions

Question to be Raised by Mr WAI Hing-cheung on the Usage of Jacuzzi Pools in Swimming Pools
(Paper No. CSCD 68/2016)

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

- (a) he asked whether the LCSD would consider increasing the number of jacuzzi pools;

- (b) he hoped that the LCSD would provide data to prove that jacuzzi pools in Sha Tin District and Tuen Mun District were both “well-received by the public” and asked what the LCSD would do if more than 33 citizens used the jacuzzi pool at Hin Tin Swimming Pool concurrently. Citizens reported to him that it was difficult to enjoy the facilities provided at the Hin Tin Swimming Pool;
- (c) he suggested that the LCSD earnestly consider how to ensure that citizens would use the jacuzzi pool in an orderly manner; and
- (d) he asked what a formal complaint was and advised the LCSD to consider introducing the mechanism of usage of jacuzzi pools by sessions.

26. The views of Mr SIU Hin-hong were summarised below:

- (a) in his opinion, the management approaches of swimming pools should be different from those of jacuzzi pools; and
- (b) he wanted to know about the water quality of jacuzzi pools, e.g. temperature and potential threats from virus. He believed the water temperature of jacuzzi pools should be increased to 40°C but attention should be paid to the virus problem caused by tepid water.

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

- (a) the written reply given by the LCSD did not clearly provide the actual usage of jacuzzi pools;
- (b) he asked the LCSD which period of observation the data provided in the written reply was based on;
- (c) he enquired details about the filtration systems of swimming pools;
- (d) as the LCSD pointed out in the reply that jacuzzi pools were “well-received by the public”, he asked the LCSD whether it would consider jacuzzi pools as necessary facilities when building any swimming pools in future; and
- (e) he asked the LCSD to tabulate the facilities and areas of swimming pools in Sha Tin District after the meeting so that the members could evaluate whether such facilities complied with *the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines* (the Guidelines).

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28. The Chairman hoped that the LCSD would actively consider building more jacuzzi pools in Sha Tin District as far as resources permitted.

29. Mr Francois CHEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) there was one jacuzzi pool managed by the LCSD in Sha Tin District and one in Tuen Mun District, and the two pools were both ancillary facilities of swimming pools. In the past three years, no citizen told the LCSD that it was difficult to enjoy facilities provided at Hin Tin Swimming Pool;

- (b) the number of users of jacuzzi pools was set by the Architectural Services Department during the construction period; based on the routine observation by the LCSD, jacuzzi pools were particularly popular among elders, and the LCSD had no usage data of jacuzzi pools;
- (c) the jacuzzi pool at Hin Tin Swimming Pool was equipped with 21 nozzles and 0.85 meter in depth and adopted the same water standards as general swimming pools. The LCSD sent officers to inspect the water quality every hour and submitted the water samples to the Water Supplies Department for examination every week. The water temperature was generally at the same level as the ambient air temperature except in winter when the water temperature was increased to 28-30°C. Lifeguards of swimming pools would make sure the safety of users of jacuzzi pools, and venue staff of the LCSD would warn against any improper usage of jacuzzi pools; and
- (d) the LCSD had no plan to build more jacuzzi pools for the moment, and to his knowledge, jacuzzi pools were not standard facilities as described in the Guidelines. If it was observed that there was a keen public demand for jacuzzi pools, the LCSD would actively consider building more such pools.

Question to be Raised by Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris on Sports Development in Sha Tin
(Paper No. CSCD 69/2016)

30. The views of Ms Iris WONG were summarised below:

- (a) she was informed before the meeting that the government would not resume the football training centre in Shek Mun for residential development for the moment, but the reply by the LCSD did not indicate any comprehensive plan of the government on football development in Hong Kong;
- (b) she enquired whether the LCSD would discuss with the Hong Kong Jockey Club how to promote the equestrian sports in Sha Tin District; and
- (c) according to the Guidelines, there should be at least six 11-a-side standard football pitches, 68 standard basketball courts and 88 standard badminton courts in Sha Tin District given its population size, but at present, the number of the aforesaid facilities was far below standard. She asked the LCSD to discuss with the Planning Department how to make up the facility shortage.

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

- (a) he asked when the LCSD could build adequate recreation and sports facilities for residents in Sha Tin District;
- (b) he asked whether the government would build a formal football training school to promote the football development in Hong Kong;
- (c) he would like to know whether there was any other support from the LCSD to the football development in addition to providing 36 free sessions for regional football teams in Sha Tin District for training every year. Furthermore, he enquired about the number of participating players of Sha Tin Cup Football

Tournament; and

- (d) he hoped that the LCSD would provide more comprehensive football development data in future and communicate more with the Sha Tin District Council about the difficulty in developing recreation and sports facilities.

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

- (a) after “the scrapping of the Municipal Councils”, construction of large recreation and sports facilities in Sha Tin District almost came to a halt. Besides, there were time limits on usage of the football pitches, which in turn resulted in fewer allocable sessions;
- (b) he asked how the LCSD planned recreation and sports facilities for the district;
- (c) the Planning Department granted land to the Hong Kong Jockey Club for setting up “racehorse stable” by way of short-term tenancy, and he asked whether it could discuss opening the site for equestrian activities with the Hong Kong Jockey Club;
- (d) he asked the LCSD to speed up building additional recreation and sports facilities which were lacking in Sha Tin District according to the Guidelines and to provide more details about land use change in the district after the meeting; and
- (e) he asked the LCSD to provide information on the number of sessions available for booking and utilisation rates of all local football pitches.

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33. Mr Francois CHEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) he would provide supplementary details about the land used as “racehorse stable” after the meeting;
- (b) in addition to 36 free sessions provided for regional football teams in Sha Tin District for training every year, the Sha Tin Sports Association and other related organisations had priority in booking venues for training purpose;
- (c) the Sha Tin Cup Football Tournament jointly organised by the LCSD and the Sha Tin Sports Association attracted about 1 000 participants;
- (d) the LCSD endeavored to provide all accurate data on hand to members in the hope of meeting the members’ needs; and
- (e) the LCSD strived to seek approval from relevant departments regarding building more recreation and sports facilities in Sha Tin District.

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34. Ms Iris WONG said she would propose a provisional motion on this issue.

35. The Chairman asked members whether they agreed to discuss the provisional motion proposed by Ms Iris WONG.

36. Members agreed to discuss the provisional motion proposed by Ms Iris WONG.
37. Ms Iris WONG proposed the provisional motion below:
- “The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the government to reserve a site for the construction of sports, recreational, sitting-out and cultural facilities according to the established *Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines* currently in force and in light of the actual growth in and distribution of the population of Sha Tin, so as to cover the shortfall in the above facilities.”

Mr WONG Ka-wing seconded the motion.

38. The Chairman asked members whether they agreed to endorse the provisional motion in paragraph 37.

39. Members unanimously endorsed the provisional motion in paragraph 37.

40. The Chairman hoped that apart from the LCSD, the Secretariat would pass the meeting contents and the endorsed provisional motion on to the Planning Department to facilitate written responses from the Planning Department. Secretariat

Information Items

Reports of Working Groups
(Paper No. CSCD 70/2016)

41. Members noted the minutes submitted by the Working Group on Festive Celebrations.

Information Papers

Financial Position and Activity Progress of the Committee's Expenditure Heads
(Paper No. CSCD 71/2016)

42. Members noted the above information paper.

Briefing on 2017 Sha Tin Lunar New Year Fair of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(Paper No. CSCD 72/2016)

43. Mr Michael YUNG advised the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to communicate with the relevant departments to coordinate on the usage of the carpark on Yuen Wo Road, so as to avoid any traffic jam along Yuen Wo Road.

44. Mr LEE Yuk-wah, Senior Health Inspector (Hawkers) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would communicate with the police and follow up on members' suggestions.

Briefing on 2017 Sha Tin Che Kung Festival Fair of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(Paper No. CSCD 73/2016)

45. Mr Michael YUNG advised the FEHD to communicate more with the police about traffic diversion to avoid any traffic jam along Chui Tin Street.

46. Mr LEE Yuk-wah responded that the STDO would convene an inter-departmental meeting in the future to discuss various arrangements, at which he would relay members' suggestions.

Report and Programme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Cultural Activities and Utilisation of Facilities in Sha Tin District (3rd and 4th Quarters of 2016)

(Paper No. CSCD 74/2016)

47. 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 (3rd and 4th Quarters of 2016)

(Paper No. CSCD 75/2016)

48. Mr YIU Ka-chun enquired about the details of refurbishment works for the arena of Hin Keng Sports Centre. As Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre would soon be put into use, he asked when the facilities therein would be available for booking by the public.

49. Ms Scarlett PONG pointed out the Working Group on Age-friendly Community had previously organised an activity, and the elderly participating in the activity showed a great interest in fitness activities of the LCSD. She asked the LCSD about the elderly's participation in the activities, and advised the LCSD to consider giving priority to the elderly regarding participation in such activities and increase the number of class and group activities designed for them.

50. Mr SIU Hin-hong advised the LCSD to take into account organising different types of recreation and sports activities in the community so as to benefit more people from different age groups.

51. Mr Francois CHEUNG gave a consolidated as follows:

- (a) the elderly aged 60 or above could participate in training classes of the LCSD for free and the LCSD had reserved a certain number of class and group activities for them. The LCSD learned that various recreation and sports activities were welcomed by the elderly;
- (b) during the summer vacation, the LCSD would adjust the upper age limit for particular types of activity to meet the demands of people of different ages;
- (c) to renovate aging facilities and ensure safety of venue users, the LCSD would carry out floor renovation works at Hin Keng Sports Centre. Due to the large project scale, the renovation works would last for about three months;
- (d) the LCSD endeavored to organise different types of recreation and sports activities to cater to the demands of different people; and

- (e) he noted members' opinions and said he would consider them when drafting the activity plans for the coming year.

52. Besides, Mr Francois CHEUNG reported the following matters at the meeting:

- (a) the construction of Yuen Chau Kok Complex had been completed and the rectification works of the sports centre had been substantially completed. The LCSD expected that the Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre would be open for public use by the end of this December. However, to ensure smooth operation, the LCSD planned to allow public booking for the venues in around December. The LCSD would later send letters to invite District Council Members to visit Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre on 22 November;
- (b) he said the LCSD's preparation for the 6th Hong Kong Games (HKG) was in full swing, and he informed members that Mr WONG Ka-wing was elected to be the head of the Sha Tin Delegation at the HKG; and
- (c) in response to the HKG, the "Jockey Club Vitality Run" consisting of two categories, namely the 3-km run and the 10-km run, would be held in Sha Tin District next January, the details of which would be announced at the press conference on 11 November 2016, and he asked for the support from members.

Report and Programme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Promotion Activities of Public Libraries in Sha Tin District (3rd and 4th Quarters of 2016)
(Paper No. CSCD 76/2016)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Arts Association
(Paper No. CSCD 77/2016)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Sports Association
(Paper No. CSCD 78/2016)

53. Members noted the above three information papers.

Date of Next Meeting

54. The Chairman informed members that Mr Martin CHOW, secretary of the CSCDC would be posted out of the STDO the next day. He extended his thanks to Mr CHOW for his service to the Sha Tin District Council and wished him a bright future.

55. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 15 December 2016 (Thursday).

56. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Sha Tin District Council Secretariat
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December 2016