

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 1st Meeting of
the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee in 2017

Date : 23 February 2017 (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	3:25 pm
Ms CHAN Man-kuen (Vice-Chairman)	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS, MH	DC Chairman	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	2:43 pm	3:25 pm
Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James	"	2:30 pm	2:45 pm
Mr CHENG Tsuk-man	"	2:37 pm	3:06 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	"	2:33 pm	3:20 pm
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	"	2:30 pm	3:20 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	2:46 pm	3:25 pm
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	"	2:33 pm	3:05 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr LI Sai-wing	"	2:33 pm	3:25 pm
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr NG Kam-hung	"	2:39 pm	3:25 pm
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, BBS, JP	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	"	2:41 pm	3:25 pm
Mr TONG Hok-leung	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Ms TSANG So-lai	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr WONG Hok-lai	"	2:46 pm	3:21 pm
Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	"	2:33 pm	3:25 pm
Mr WONG Yue-hon	"	2:33 pm	3:25 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	2:30 pm	3:20 pm
Mr YIP Wing	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr YIU Ka-chun	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Ms YUE Shin-man	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	2:30 pm	3:25 pm
Ms WONG Lam-yan, Stephy (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)2 / Sha Tin District Office		

In Attendance

Mr LEUNG Wing-hang, Eric

Ms LO Lai-fong, Jackie

Ms LEE Yuk-kit, Glendy

Ms KO Man-lai

Ms TSANG Mei-ying, May

Ms LAW See-ngar, Briget

Ms HO Yi-lan, Ann

Ms NG Sheung-han, Alice

Ms TSANG Suet-man

Ms CHENG Ka-po, Theresa

Ms LEUNG Wai-shan, Cecilia

Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek

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

Chief Liaison Officer / Sha Tin District Office

Senior Liaison Officer (West) / Sha Tin District Office

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

Ms CHUNG Fung-hing

Mr LAU Chi-keung

Title

Chief Executive / Sha Tin Sports Association

Senior Sports Executive / Sha Tin Sports Association

Absent

Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP

Mr CHAN Nok-hang

Ms LAM Chung-yan

Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin

Mr MAK Yun-pui

Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS

Mr SIU Hin-hong

TitleDC Vice-Chairman (Application for leave of absence
received)

DC Member (")

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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 the applications for leave of absence in writing from the following members:

Mr Thomas PANG

Official commitment

Mr Alvin LEE

"

Mr MAK Yun-pui

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Mr CHAN Nok-hang

Sickness

Ms LAM Chung-yan

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Mr MOK Kam-kwai
Mr SIU Hin-hong

Sickness
Out of town

3. Mr James CHAN asked if the application for leave of absence was not endorsed, what were the consequences and the handling procedures for application for leave of absence.

4. Mr Derek YUEN, Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of Sha Tin District Office responded that Order 52 (1) of Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders stipulated that if a member could not attend a DC meeting, he/she must make an application for leave of absence in writing before the meeting. If the member's application for leave of absence was not endorsed, he/she shall be deemed absent from the meeting. In addition, with reference to Order 52 (2) of Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders, if a member failed to attend Committee meetings for four consecutive months without obtaining the consent of the DC Committee before the end of the period, he/she shall be disqualified from holding office as a member of the Committee for the remainder of that member's term of office.

5. The Chairman said that whether the member's application for leave of absence would be endorsed should be decided by votes.

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

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 15 December 2016
(CSCDC Minutes 7/2016)

7. Members confirmed the above minutes unanimously.

Matters Arising

Response of Government Departments to Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting
(Paper No. CSCD 1/2017)

8. Members noted the above paper.

Discussion Items

Proposed Estimates and Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 1 (Cultural Affairs) of 2017/2018
(Paper No. CSCD 2/2017)

9. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

10. Members unanimously endorsed the funding application from local organisations under Expenditure Head 1 of 2017/2018 according to the suggestions from the Working Group on Screening of Funding Applications (Ad Hoc).

Proposed Estimates and Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 6 (Recreation and Sports) of 2017/2018
(Paper No. CSCD 3/2017)

11. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

12. Members unanimously endorsed the funding application from local organisations under Expenditure Head 6 of 2017/2018 according to the suggestions from the Working Group on Screening of Funding Applications (Ad Hoc).

Proposed Estimates under Expenditure Head 8 (Festival Celebration) of 2017/2018
(Paper No. CSCD 4/2017)

13. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

Proposed Estimates and Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 10 (Community Development) of 2017/2018
(Paper No. CSCD 5/2017)

14. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

15. Members unanimously endorsed the funding application from local organisations under Expenditure Head 10 of 2017/2018 according to the suggestions from the Working Group on Screening of Funding Applications (Ad Hoc).

Proposed Estimates and Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 11 (Community Organisations) of 2017/2018
(Paper No. CSCD 6/2017)

16. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

17. Members unanimously endorsed the funding application from local organisations under Expenditure Head 11 of 2017/2018 according to the suggestions from the Working Group on Screening of Funding Applications (Ad Hoc).

Funding Application

Proposed District Free Entertainment Programmes from April 2017 to March 2018 Jointly Organised with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(Paper No. CSCD 7/2017)

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

- (a) he asked at present whether Annex 2 of the paper set out the attendance and nature of district free entertainment programmes held on a trial basis at the basketball court of Ngau Pei Sha Street Playground on 19 February this year; and
- (b) given that the proposed programmes were funded by the DC, he hoped that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) would invite DC Members of constituencies concerned to attend and assist in promoting district free entertainment activities and give their views, so as to increase DC Members' involvement in district free entertainment activities and their interactions with citizens.

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

- (a) he reminded the Secretariat that the word “Estate” in Annex 2 of this paper could not be shown in the online paper; and
- (b) he said that Yan On Estate Basketball Court would be closed due to the construction work. He hoped that the LCSD would work closely with the Housing Department to follow up the work progress of the basketball court and make corresponding arrangements. He hoped that district free entertainment activities would continue to be held in Sha Tin. He also asked LCSD about the progress of identifying standby venues.

20. Mr PUN Kwok-shan hoped that the DC could participate in the selection and enhancement of venues, contents and time for holding district free entertainment programmes. The LCSD should clarify what kind of roles should DC members play in the publicity activities.

21. The Chairman asked if works were carried out in Yan On Estate or other venues, whether LCSD would cancel the district free entertainment programmes or find another venue to continue carrying out the programmes.

22. The responses of Ms May TSANG, Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion of the LCSD were summarised below:

- (a) at present, the LCSD would send posters and leaflets of district free entertainment programmes to DC Members, who would put up the posters at the members’ office and distribute them to the public to help promote district free entertainment activities;
- (b) she said that DC Members of Yuen Long District were arranged to participate in the district free entertainment activities and she would submit relevant information after the meeting. She also welcomed the DC Members to participate in the district entertainment activities and express their views on the details of the programmes;
- (c) if works would be carried out in Yan On Estate, the LCSD would hold the activities at the end of the year or after the completion of the works, so as to avoid the activities being affected by the works. She also said that she had conducted site inspections earlier to identify whether there was any standby venue nearby; and
- (d) if the venue was closed due to the works, the LCSD would turn to other venues for holding activities.

23. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application. Since the amount of allocation exceeded \$1 million, this application would be recommended by the Finance and General Affairs Committee (FGAC) to the DC for approval.

Recreation and Sports Activities Programme from April 2017 to March 2018 Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Sha Tin District
(Paper No. CSCD 8/2017)

24. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application. Since the amount of allocation exceeded \$1 million, this application would be recommended by the FGAC to the DC for approval.

Promotional Activities of Public Libraries from April 2017 to March 2018 Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Sha Tin District
(Paper No. CSCD 9/2017)

25. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Funding Application from the Sha Tin Sports Association
(Paper No. CSCD 10/2017)

26. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHUNG Fung-hing, Chief Executive of Sha Tin Sports Association, to attend the meeting and respond to the questions raised by members.

27. Mr HO Hau-cheung and Mr CHING Cheung-ying declared their interests as members of the Sha Tin Sports Association. The Chairman said that they could attend the meeting but did not have the right to vote on the funding application.

28. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application. Since the amount of allocation exceeded \$250,000 but was less than \$1 million, this application would be recommended to the FGAC for approval.

Questions

Question to be Raised by Mr WAI Hing-cheung on Ice Skating Rinks
(Paper No. CSCD 11/2017)

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

- (a) he asked whether ice skating was a popular sport in Hong Kong and believed that the popularity of a sport might be a factor affecting the government's consideration of developing such sport in the future. He said that the utilization rate of the privately-run ice skating rinks was not low, and the developers operated such rinks due to their cost effectiveness. He therefore considered ice skating a popular sport in Hong Kong;
- (b) he asked whether the Hong Kong Skating Union and other DCs had put forward to the Government their views on building ice skating rinks;
- (c) he asked about suitable conditions for development, and whether the LCSD would consider and study the inclusion of relevant sports facilities in its planning in the future if the sport met the appropriate development conditions. Besides, he also asked about the planning guidelines for construction of ice skating rinks as set out in the current *Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines* (Guidelines), and whether the Guidelines was

formulated by the Planning Department or whether the LCSD could give advice on it;

- (d) he asked whether the Education Bureau (EDB) had suggested popularising this sport and whether schools, students and parents had been consulted regarding incorporating the ice skating programme in school curricula; or whether due to the current shortage of public ice skating rinks in Hong Kong, the EDB did not receive any opinions from schools on promoting ice skating throughout Hong Kong;
- (e) if the Government considered building an ice skating rink in the future, he hoped that other ice sports could also be carried out at that ice skating rink; and
- (f) there were a number of roller skating rinks under the LCSD. He asked why there was still no ice skating rink so far, and whether the development conditions of roller skating were quite mature at the time when the roller skating rinks were built.

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

- (a) the Government had earmarked a funding of \$20 billion in the Budget for the Financial Year 2017-2018 to promote 26 sports and recreation facilities in all districts in the next five years. He asked whether ice skating rinks were included in the above planning and whether the LCSD would suggest including the ice skating rinks in the planning in the future;
- (b) he asked about the proper development conditions for the construction of ice skating rinks; and
- (c) he believed that after the Government built ice skating rinks, schools could incorporate this sport into the PE curriculum and held that this sport would be welcomed by schools, students and parents.

31. The Chairman hoped that the LCSD could convey the views of members to the relevant policy bureaux, so as to actively study whether there were any suitable sites for the construction of ice skating rinks in Sha Tin. He also hoped that the Secretariat would carry out follow-up actions on the planning guidelines for construction of ice skating rinks as set out in the Guidelines together with the Planning Department after the meeting.

32. The responses of Ms Jackie LO, District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) of LCSD were summarised below:

- (a) although there were no objective criteria for determining the popularity of a sport, ice skating was a developing sport in Hong Kong;
- (b) at present, in order to promote and develop ice skating, the LCSD provided the Hong Kong Skating Union with a series of sports funding schemes, including overseas and local international competitions, representative squad training, sports training programmes, school sports programmes, local competitions, community sports clubs projects, training of officials and

international sports meetings. In addition, the relevant policy bureaux would make reference to the Hong Kong Skating Union's aspirations for construction of ice skating rinks in the planning of sports facilities in the future;

- (c) in general, many factors would be taken into consideration in the construction of sports facilities, including financial and human resources, suitable sites and their transport ancillary facilities, and whether the relevant sports federations could provide sufficient qualified trainers, etc.;
- (d) the proposal of holding other ice sports in the ice skating rinks would be passed on to the relevant policy bureaux for reference;
- (e) the infrastructure required by a roller skating rink was relatively simple. Therefore, in planning the parks and playgrounds, where the space permitted, the LCSD would also build roller skating rinks, which were one of the more common active facilities, in addition to the children's play systems, fitness facilities and leisure facilities; and
- (f) further studies on the proposal of including the ice skating rinks in the Development of Sport Park at Whitehead, Ma On Shan in the *2017 Policy Address* would be conducted in the planning of new sports facilities.

33. The responses of Ms TSANG Suet-man, Senior School Development Officer (Sha Tin) 1 of EDB were summarized below:

- (a) ice skating, one of the ice sports, was classified into "other activities" under the curriculum framework of Physical Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (2002). Schools could, based on their individual circumstances, consider whether to include relevant activities into the school-based curriculum; and
- (b) the EDB would support the schools to promote the school-based PE curriculum according to the Physical Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (2002), but it had no plan at present to promote ice skating throughout Hong Kong.

Information Items

Reports of Working Group
(Paper No. CSCD 12/2017)

34. Members noted the minutes submitted by the Working Group on Recreation and Sports Development, and examined and approved the member list and minutes submitted by the Working Group on Screening of Funding Applications (Ad Hoc).

Information Papers

Report and Programme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on 2017/2018 Work Target, Organisation of Cultural Activities and Utilisation of Facilities in Sha Tin District (1st and 2nd Quarters of 2017)
(Paper No. CSCD 13/2017)

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 (1st and 2nd Quarters of 2017)

(Paper No. CSCD 14/2017)

Report and Programme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Promotional Activities of Public Libraries in Sha Tin District (1st and 2nd Quarters of 2017)

(Paper No. CSCD 15/2017)

35. Members noted the above three information papers.

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Arts Association

(Paper No. CSCD 16/2017)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Sports Association

(Paper No. CSCD 17/2017)

36. Members noted the above two information papers.

Date of Next Meeting

37. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 27 April 2017 (Thursday).

38. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Sha Tin District Council Secretariat
STDC 13/15/50

April 2017