

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of
the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee in 2017

Date : 27 April 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> |
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| Mr CHIU Man-leong (Chairman) | DC Member | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Ms CHAN Man-kuen (Vice-Chairman) | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS, MH | DC Chairman | 2:37 pm | 5:51 pm |
| Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung | DC Member | 2:37 pm | 5:27 pm |
| Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James | ” | 3:55 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr CHENG Tsuk-man | ” | 2:53 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny | ” | 2:37 pm | 3:40 pm |
| Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick | ” | 2:37 pm | 4:09 pm |
| Mr LAI Tsz-yan | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Ms LAM Chung-yan | ” | 2:47 pm | 3:29 pm |
| Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor | ” | 2:47 pm | 3:55 pm |
| Mr LI Sai-hung | ” | 2:37 pm | 3:40 pm |
| Mr LI Sai-wing | ” | 4:24 pm | 5:35 pm |
| Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:29 pm |
| Mr MAK Yun-pui | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS | ” | 2:38 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr NG Kam-hung | ” | 2:56 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, BBS, JP | ” | 2:39 pm | 5:27 pm |
| Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH | ” | 2:38 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr SIU Hin-hong | ” | 2:44 pm | 5:27 pm |
| Mr TING Tsz-yuen | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:44 pm |
| Mr TONG Hok-leung | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Ms TUNG Kin-lei | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr WAI Hing-cheung | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr WONG Hok-lai | ” | 2:48 pm | 5:35 pm |
| Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:45 pm |
| Mr WONG Yue-hon | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:45 pm |
| Mr YAU Man-chun | ” | 2:37 pm | 4:00 pm |
| Mr YIP Wing | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr YIU Ka-chun | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 pm |
| Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael | ” | 2:37 pm | 5:53 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 LI Wing-sze, Grace

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

In Attendance by Invitation

Mr KWONG Kam-wing

Ms LAW Wai

Mr ROICHANDANI Peter

Ms TSE Shiu-yu, Camelia Dorothy

Mr WU Yat-king, Kingson

Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina

Ms KWAN Po-man

Mr LAM Pui-hang

Ms LI Ka-chai, Denise

Mr CHENG Kei-yip, Johnny

Mr LUI Kan-man, Raymond

Mr LAM Sau-ki, Denis

Mr CHAN Cheuk-pui

Mr CHAN Yip-wai, Edward

TitleSenior Community Relations Officer (New Territories East) /
Independent Commission Against Corruption

District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sha Tin) 2 /

Social Welfare Department

Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sha Tin /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sha Tin

(Acting) / Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Manager (New Territories East) Marketing & District Activities

/ Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior School Development Officer (Sha Tin) 1 /

Education Bureau

Chief Liaison Officer / Sha Tin District Office

Senior Liaison Officer (West) / Sha Tin District Office

Senior Executive Officer (District Council) /

Sha Tin District Office

Title

Treasurer / Sha Tin Celebration Committee

Executive / Sha Tin Celebration Committee

Acting Liaison Officer-in-Charge (East) 2 /

Sha Tin District Office

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

Executive Assistant (District Council) 3 / Sha Tin District Office

Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 1 /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Health Inspector (Environment Hygiene) 2 /

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Sub-Unit Commander (Patrol) (4) (Sha Tin Division) /

Hong Kong Police Force

Acting Assistant Division Commander (Administration)

(Tin Sum) / Hong Kong Police Force

Miscellaneous Enquiries Sub-Unit Commander

(Ma On Shan Division) / Hong Kong Police Force

Liaison Officer-in-Charge (West) 4 / Sha Tin District Office

Project Manager (Architect) / Sha Tin District Office

Environmental Protection Officer (Regional North) 43 /

Environmental Protection Department

Environmental Protection Officer (Regional North) 41 /

Environmental Protection Department

Absent

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| Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP | <u>Title</u> DC Vice-Chairman | (Application for leave of absence received) |
| Mr CHAN Nok-hang | DC Member | (") |
| Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin | " | (") |
| Ms YUE Shin-man | " | (") |
| Ms TSANG So-lai | " | (No application for leave of absence received) |

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:

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| Mr Thomas PANG | Official commitment |
| Mr Alvin LEE | " |
| Mr LI Sai-wing | " |
| Mr CHAN Nok-hang | Sickness |
| Ms YUE Shin-man | Out of town |

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

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 23 February 2017

(CSCDC Minutes 1/2017)

4. Members confirmed the revised minutes unanimously.

Matters Arising

Responses of Government Departments to Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting
(Paper No. CSCD 18/2017)

5. Members noted the above paper.

Discussion Items

2017/2018 Leisure and Cultural Services Department Annual Work Plan – Progress of Capital Works Projects Related to Leisure and Cultural Services Facilities in Sha Tin
(Paper No. CSCD 19/2017)

6. The Chairman welcomed Ms Selina LEUNG, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 1 of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to answer members' enquiries.

7. Ms Selina LEUNG gave a brief introduction of the contents of the paper. She added "Provision of Rest Garden (adjacent to existing Mei Tin Road Sitting-out Area) in Area 4C, Tai Wai" (ST-DMW 193), part of "Local Open Space in Area 4C, Sha Tin", which was

carried out under the District Minor Works Programme, had been completed and was open to the public on 20 April 2017.

8. The views of Ms Scarlett PONG were summarised below:

- (a) regarding the project plan for “Redevelopment of Fo Tan Cooked Food Market, Sha Tin”, she suggested that the LCSD should consider developing a complex incorporating a cooked food market with Fo Tan’s characteristics, community hall, carpark, library, study room, performance venue and art display area. She also advised to develop tributaries of Shing Mun River into water-friendly areas. Besides, she asked about the number of seats in the auditoriums of the indoor courts; and
- (b) as there would be a lot of housing development projects in Fo Tan over the next few years, which would result in an incessant increase in Fo Tan population in future, she hoped that the relevant authority would enhance the provision of corresponding supporting facilities in Fo Tan District and launch the construction of the complex as soon as possible.

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

- (a) he asked about the progress of the expansion works of Sha Tin Public Library;
- (b) he was glad at the arrangement of setting up additional indoor heated swimming pools in “Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan” and believed relevant works could help alleviate the burden on the indoor heated swimming pools in Hin Tin; and
- (c) he opined that although from an overall perspective, some progress had been made in the works projects left over by the former Regional Council (former RC), he still hoped that remaining works could be completed in a well-planned manner within a reasonable period, so as to cater for the demand in Sha Tin District for leisure and cultural services facilities.

10. Mr MAK Yun-pui was pleased at setting up additional indoor heated swimming pools in “Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan” and suggested building a public market in the complex.

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

- (a) she said Fo Tan was in lack of relevant supporting facilities for its increasing population and hoped that the LCSD could provide the dates of works commencement and construction schedule of the eight works projects left over by the former RC in Sha Tin District within the current term of office of the DC; and
- (b) she hoped the plan of building a complex in Tai Wai could be implemented as soon as possible to address the requests by residents in Tai Wai.

12. Mr PUN Kwok-shan believed the LCSD had truthfully reported the progress of various projects but did not actively follow up the calls for building a public library in Tai Wai. He suggested that the LCSD should take into consideration making use of its existing venues albeit it failed to find a suitable place for building an additional public library in Tai Wai District for the moment. He also hoped that various government departments could work together to effectuate the plan of building a municipal services complex in Tai Wai.

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

- (a) as the expansion works of Sha Tin Public Library were experiencing technical difficulties at present, resulting in a delay in the construction progress, he opined that the LCSD should reevaluate the necessity of promoting this project and should not concentrate resources only on this project. The relevant authority should consider building a complex incorporating a public library in Tai Wai; and
- (b) he suggested converting the existing vacant school premises in Tai Wai, such as those at Sun Chui Estate, into public libraries as soon as possible to address the current district demand and then finding a suitable place in Tai Wai for building another public library in future.

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

- (a) he welcomed the LCSD's decision on building of additional indoor heated swimming pools in "Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan". As the said project had been planned for a long time, he hoped that it could be carried out as soon as possible. In addition, the said site was currently a temporary carpark with insufficient parking spaces, so he asked whether the height limit of the eight-storey sports centre could be relaxed to build an additional carpark, public market and cooked food centre with local characteristics, in order to fully utilise the site;
- (b) he hoped the plan of building a public library in Tai Wai could be carried out as soon as possible; and
- (c) given the rising population in Ma On Shan and Wu Kai Sha, he also hoped that the Sports Centre in Area 111, Ma On Shan could be built as soon as possible in addition to Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan and District Open Space in Area 90, Ma On Shan.

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

- (a) he said that the LCSD's plan could not meet the public needs; therefore, he suggested building another distinctive cooked food centre in Fo Tan and hoped that improvements could be made in the quality, local characteristics and hygiene of the cooked food centre; and
- (b) he asked what guidelines the LCSD would follow in making a plan for developing facilities and how relevant guidelines were adjusted in a timely manner. He said the existing *Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines* (Guidelines) of the Planning Department were out of tune with the times.

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

- (a) he said as the “Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan” was only about 7 000 m² in area, but the LCSD proposed that the sports centre would be equipped with one multi-purpose arena which could be used as two basketball courts, two volleyball courts or eight badminton courts, one fitness room, two activity/dance rooms, one children’s playroom and one conference room; he asked whether the sports centre would be too crowded if it was equipped with all of the aforesaid facilities;
- (b) regarding the building of additional indoor heated swimming pools in “Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan”, he enquired about the area, water depth, supporting facilities and manpower requirement, etc. of the indoor heated pools. As swimming pools required corresponding supporting facilities and management, he suggested rearranging the present settings of Ma On Shan Swimming Pool, installing additional indoor heated pool facilities and reallocating manpower resources for more effective management; and
- (c) given the increasing population in Tai Wai, he supported the building of an additional public library in Tai Wai and suggested incorporating the progress of this project into this report.

17. Mr CHENG Tsuk-man suggested that the vacant land near the pump house at Hang Fai Street should also be incorporated into the scope of “Open Space in Area 86, Ma On Shan”; as sundries were often piled up there at present, giving rise to the mosquito problem, he suggested when the works was carried out in future, drivers of construction vehicles could consider heading to the said vacant land via the cycle track near Ma On Shan Road.

18. Mr Sunny CHIU said some elders complained that at present, only the deeper main pools were installed with heated pool facilities, so he suggested setting the secondary pool in “Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan” as indoor heated swimming pool for use by the elders.

19. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he hoped the Government could allocate additional resources to speed up the progress of the eight works projects left over by the former RC and respond to the 31 suggestions from various parties concerning further improving the leisure and cultural services facilities in Sha Tin District as soon as possible. In addition, he also hoped that the LCSD could quickly respond to the DC’s sustained request for building complexes and libraries in Fo Tan and Tai Wai as early as possible;
- (b) he welcomed the LCSD’s decision on building of additional indoor heated swimming pools in “Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan”; and
- (c) as Area 73, Sha Tin lacked leisure and cultural services facilities, he hoped the relevant authority could develop large leisure and cultural services and community facilities on the site in Area 73, Sha Tin as quickly as possible.

20. The responses of Ms Selina LEUNG were summarised below:

- (a) the LCSD was now carrying out the eight works projects left over by the former RC in order of their priority ranking, and if the committee thought it necessary, the LCSD would also consider reviewing relevant priorities;
- (b) regarding the proposed development scope of “Redevelopment of Fo Tan Cooked Food Market, Sha Tin”, the LCSD would make adjustments based on the future development of Fo Tan District and members’ opinions. The LCSD would also study the feasibility of relevant suggestions with other departments;
- (c) as the expansion works of Sha Tin Public Library were facing technical difficulties at present, the LCSD was now following up with the Architectural Services Department and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and would report the works’ progress to the DC in due time;
- (d) regarding the proposed development scope of “Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan”, the LCSD was now conducting a study with the Architectural Services Department on the facilities the venue could accommodate. The LCSD would also follow up the plot ratio of the site with the Planning Department to make the best use of the land. She said that the future design for indoor heated pools would, to the largest extent possible, take into account the elders’ needs for using heated facilities in shallow pools. She said the LCSD would decide on the size of the swimming pool the venue could accommodate according to each venue’s necessary supporting facilities and terrain and relevant standards in designing swimming pools;
- (e) the LCSD was conducting active follow-up with relevant departments, in an effort to find a suitable place in Tai Wai for building a small public library. The LCSD would also work with the Education Bureau on studying the feasibility of converting the existing vacant school premises in Tai Wai into public libraries;
- (f) the vacant land near the pump house at Hang Fai Street was open space and adjacent to Hang Fai Street Park, and she said currently there was no public road directly connected to the site and facilities adjacent to the park and users thereof would be affected when the works was carried out in future; therefore, there might be difficulty in developing the said site. She said the department would study whether there was any other passage directly connected to the said site and would refer the current mosquito problem there to the District Lands Office, Sha Tin for follow-up;
- (g) the land in Area 73, Sha Tin was currently used for temporary government land allocation and short-term tenancy, and she believed the District Lands Office, Sha Tin would follow up the land development of the site again after land resumption in future;
- (h) she said that at present, a parcel of land in Area 111, Ma On Shan had been reserved for development of a sports centre by the LCSD; and

- (i) the LCSD would carry out planning for leisure and cultural services facilities with reference to the Guidelines of the Planning Department, demographic change in the district and other factors.

Formation of Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc) under the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 20/2017)

21. The Chairman asked members to endorse Paper No. CSCD 20/2017, including:
- (a) the formation of the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc) and confirmation of its terms of reference;
 - (b) the term of office of the working group would expire on 31 August 2017;
 - (c) members of the working group must hold office as Members of the Sha Tin District Council at the same time; and
 - (d) two DC Members (who also held office as members of the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee) would be elected as convenors of the working group. They would be responsible for approving the funding applications under the Culture, Recreation and Sports Group and Community Development and Community Organisations, respectively.
22. Members unanimously endorsed the above arrangements.
23. The Chairman briefed members on procedures for the election of convenors of the working group. Candidates of the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc), nominators and seconders were as follows:

Culture, Recreation and Sports Group (Expenditure Head 1 and Expenditure Head 6):

| <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Nominator</u> | <u>Seconders</u> |
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| Mr YIU Ka-chun | Ms TUNG Kin-lei | Mr Tiger WONG Ms Scarlett PONG |

24. Ms TUNG Kin-lei withdrew the nomination of Mr YIU Ka-chun as a candidate for convenors of the working group on Culture, Recreation and Sports Group (Expenditure Head 1 and Expenditure Head 6).

| <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Nominator</u> | <u>Seconders</u> |
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| Mr SIU Hin-hong | Mr SIU Hin-hong | Mr TING Tsz-yuen Ms Iris WONG |

Community Development and Community Organisations (Expenditure Head 10 and Expenditure Head 11):

| <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Nominator</u> | <u>Seconders</u> |
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| Mr CHING Cheung-ying | Mr Wilson LI | Mr MAK Yun-pui Mr PUN Kwok-shan |

25. The Chairman announced that as there was only one candidate for each group, the two candidates were elected ipso facto as Conveners of the working group.

2017-2018 Work Plans and Funding Applications of Working Groups under the Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 21/2017)

26. Members unanimously endorsed the above work plans and funding applications.

Funding Applications

Funding Application of the Sha Tin Celebration Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 22/2017)

27. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the Sha Tin Celebration Committee to the meeting to answer members' enquiries.

28. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Funding Application of the Sha Tin District National Education Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 23/2017)

29. Mr NG Kam-hung asked whether the funding application included the funds applied for purchasing computers.

30. Mr ROICHANDANI Peter, Acting Liaison Officer-in-Charge (East) 2 of the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) responded that relevant funds were service charges for uploading information to the webpage.

31. Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr PUN Kwok-shan and Mr Victor LEUNG declared their interests as members of the applicant organisations related to Sha Tin District National Education Committee. The Chairman said they were allowed to attend the meeting, but had no right to vote on this funding application.

32. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Questions

Question to be Raised by Mr WONG Yue-hon on Organising Major Events or Competitions at Ma On Shan Promenade
(Paper No. CSCD 24/2017)

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

- (a) in early March this year, an organisation claimed on its webpage that the LCSD cancelled its application for long-distance running event because of receipt of complaints. So he asked whether the application was formally or temporarily approved by the LCSD. He asked the LCSD to make a response regarding this case;

- (b) the LCSD handled more than 50 applications for long-distance running events in 2016, and he wondered how the LCSD balanced the needs of the public and the event organisers;
- (c) according to information contained in the paper, it showed that the promenade was only involved in the applications for long-distance running events, and he hoped that the LCSD could enhance promotion of cycling events and make Sha Tin a bicycle-friendly community; and
- (d) he advised the LCSD to clarify the case publicly to inform the public of relevant situation.

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

- (a) he would like to know the approval criteria of the LCSD for such major events;
- (b) he said due to the poorly-designed cycle tracks and pavements for road sections along the Ma On Shan Promenade from Ma On Shan Park to Horizon Suite Hotel and from Baycrest to Kam Fung Court, in the absence of sufficient road signs, relevant road closure and traffic diversion arrangements might cause chaos when major events were held there. He suggested the LCSD should publicise the standards and guidelines for venue applications to have applicant organisations be informed of the requirements for holding events at Ma On Shan Promenade; and
- (c) he suggested publicising hiring condition of the venue for public knowledge.

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

- (a) he asked for the data on the LCSD's refusal to approve organisations' event applications in the past as well as the reasons therefor;
- (b) he said he had participated in running competitions held at Science Park and Ma On Shan Promenade, finding road conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists;
- (c) he asked how the LCSD addressed the road conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists along Shing Mun River in Sha Tin; and
- (d) he would like to know how the LCSD would deal with relevant complaints.

36. The Chairman hoped that the LCSD could remind organisations which would hold long-distance running events at Ma On Shan Promenade to provide enough space, to the extent possible, for pedestrians using the pedestrian passages during the events.

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

- (a) the banks of Shing Mun River in Sha Tin were beyond the jurisdiction of the LCSD; therefore, the LCSD was not in a position to make any response to the road conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists there;

- (b) the LCSD approved applications for holding events at Ma On Shan Promenade according to its Guidelines for Use of Leisure Venues for Non-designated Use;
- (c) to balance the needs of the public and event organisers for using Ma On Shan Promenade, only one day in a week (either Saturday or Sunday) was made available by the LCSD for organisations to apply for holding events;
- (d) she said that the LCSD had rejected organisations' applications for holding events at Ma On Shan Promenade in the past and would supplement relevant data after the meeting;

(Post-meeting note: In the past year, (June 2016 to May 2017), the LCSD had rejected two organisations' applications for holding events at Ma On Shan Promenade. Apart from the above case, as another organisation failed to provide required supporting documents, the LCSD could not further handle its application.)

- (e) she said the road arrangement for the event was taken care of by the applicant organisation and responsible colleagues would remind person in charge of the organisation to avoid any road conflicts among runners, pedestrians and cyclists. The LCSD would put on record any improper arrangement made by the organisation and require the organisation to propose improvement measures; if there was no improvement, the LCSD might not accept any application from the said organisation in the future;
- (f) an organisation had claimed that the LCSD cancelled its application for long-distance running event because of receipt of residents' complaints and did not accept any application for holding events at Ma On Shan Promenade after April 2017, which was not true. The organisation involved in the case applied to hold an event on 30 April 2017 (Sunday), but before it submitted its application, another organisation had submitted the application for holding an event on 29 April (Saturday). Therefore, according to the allocation principle that only one day (either Saturday or Sunday) in a week was available for application, the LCSD could not accept the organisation's application for holding an event on 30 April. In fact, the LCSD's requirement for each applicant organisation to submit event details was part of the necessary procedure for approval, which, however, did not mean that the LCSD had accepted the application. The LCSD had addressed a letter to the said organisation to clarify again that the LCSD had never accepted its application;

(Post-meeting note: The relevant organisation had updated its webpage and cleared up the misunderstanding.)

- (g) any organisation which wanted to hire any venue to organise an event should submit an application two months before the date of the event, and the LCSD would request the applicant organisation to submit a checklist of event details and would not accept its application until after examining the relevant information and consulting the opinions of relevant government departments. If the organisation had organised relevant events at the same venue in the past, the LCSD would give opinions according to its track record in event holding and would request the organisation to propose arrangement for improvement

measures if necessary;

- (h) if any organisation applied for the use of the LCSD's venue, the manager of the venue would process relevant applications and answer in detail all queries and provide assistance; and
- (i) upon receipt of the opinions of DC Members, the LCSD would later post the information of the events held by the organisations at individual venues and help the relevant National Sports Associations and organisations promote cycling events.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had posted the information of the events organised by the organisations at Ma On Shan Promenade from this June onwards.)

Question to be Raised by Mr LAI Tsz-yan on Jogging Tracks along the Bank of Shing Mun River

(Paper No. CSCD 25/2017)

38. The views of Mr LAI Tsz-yan were summarised below:

- (a) he consulted the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) about the figures of prosecutions instituted against noise generated from there from 2014 onwards;
- (b) he said the noise problem along Shing Mun River was increasingly serious and some citizens worried that the circumstance would worsen after the riverside promenade adjacent to Sha Tin Sports Ground was widened in future;
- (c) he said as the police now could initiate prosecutions only when some citizens were willing to appear in court to testify as witnesses, which was relatively passive in nature, he asked whether various government departments had any corresponding improvement measures. He also asked the police whether citizens at the opposite side of Shing Mun River could be witnesses; and
- (d) he said various departments now only provided offenders advice, which did not have any deterrent effect. He hoped that the bank of Shing Mun River could be managed by a single government department so as to solve the noise problem in a more effective manner.

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

- (a) the noise problem at the bank of Shing Mun River had existed for a long time. He said as the prosecution figures were not on a sustained downward trend in recent years, he held that the Government had no resolution to solve this problem;
- (b) as the reply of the STDO contained the wording "singing and dancing performing group", he asked about its definition and handling methods of relevant cases;

- (c) he suggested that the management responsibility of the bank of Shing Mun River should be taken up by a single government department (e.g. the LCSD). Any performing groups which wanted to give a performance at the bank of Shing Mun River should make application to the department in charge so as to standardise the management of promenades along Shing Mun River, thus reducing the current unnecessary consumption of police resources; and
- (d) he held that the current frequency of interdepartmental meeting was low as it was held every six months.

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

- (a) he asked whether the police would only issue verbal warning to people causing noise nuisance or would take any other follow-up actions if the citizens were unwilling to appear in court to testify as witnesses. He said as the reporting hotlines provided by the police were always busy, it might result in a decrease in the complaint figures. Therefore, he advised the police to set up a direct line for follow-up of such circumstance;
- (b) he suggested that such issue should be handled by a single government department so as to improve the noise problem; and
- (c) he said the police attendance was required for each follow-up of such cases, which was a waste of police resources.

41. Mr LI Sai-wing arrived at the conference room at 4:24 pm.

42. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he wanted to know why the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) gave different responses to the two questions at this meeting; and
- (b) he hoped that the handling of this problem could be coordinated by the same department and asked about the relevant procedures for putting the unallocated government land under the management of the same department.

43. The responses of Mr Raymond LUI, Liaison Officer-in-Charge (West) 4 of the STDO were summarised below:

- (a) he said regarding handling of this problem, the relevant government departments held a interdepartmental meeting to discuss countermeasures on a yearly basis from 2014 onwards. To intensify the efforts, the frequency of this meeting increased from once a year to once every six months. At the meeting held in this March, relevant government departments reviewed together the latest development and determined the action plan for this year. Various departments would, according to their own terms of reference, continue to take corresponding actions, e.g. the relevant departments would distribute promotional leaflets on the spot to disseminate the message that any act of causing excessive noise would be prosecuted and would call on relevant parties to use the proper performance venues in the district, and the police would continue to deploy officers to handle relevant complaints and

take appropriate actions; and

- (b) he also said the relevant departments had commenced a new round of site publicity and education works this week, strongly advising the relevant parties to mitigate noise to avoid being prosecuted for disturbing others. During the on-the-spot investigation, he learned that as quite a few organisations gathering at the bank of Shing Mun River were registered societies, the reply contained the wording “singing and dancing performing group”. He said attention would be paid to the choice of wording in future.

44. The responses of Mr CHAN Cheuk-pui, Environmental Protection Officer (Regional North) 43 of the EPD were summarised below:

- (a) someone sang and played music at the pavement of the bank of Shing Mun River in Sha Tin, which caused noise nuisance. In this connection, he said the noise made in public places was regulated by Section 5 of the Noise Control Ordinance, which was enforced by the HKPF. Upon receiving the complaints, the police would, according to the objective situation at that time, make follow up actions based on reasonable criteria;
- (b) he said during the complaint investigations conducted on site, personnel of the EPD also noticed that relevant events were carried out at the pavement of the bank of Shing Mun River from time to time, and had advised the relevant parties not to cause noise nuisance. Although the relevant part of the said Ordinance was enforced by the HKPF, the EPD would also intensify efforts on advising; and
- (c) he said the relevant noise control standards applicable to major events or competitions held at Ma On Shan Promenade were those governed large-scale entertainment activities held in non-public open places according to Section 13 of the Noise Control Ordinance. On the other hand, the noise control standards applicable to singing and music playing activities at the pavement of the bank of Shing Mun River in Sha Tin were those governed the noise made in public places (such as pavement) according to Section 5 of the Noise Control Ordinance, which was enforced by the HKPF.

45. The responses of Mr LAM Pui-hang, Sub-Unit Commander(Patrol) (4) (Sha Tin Division) of the HKPF were summarised below:

- (a) he said the police had initiated prosecutions against two people by summons in 2014;
- (b) the police had sought legal advice regarding such cases, and the opinion pointed out that evidences must be adduced by independent individuals as witnesses. Therefore, the police would actively invite the complainants to give evidence, but many complainants would refuse to become witnesses; and
- (c) although the police had not set up a direct line to handle such cases at present, they would learn about the circumstance and conduct immediate inspections upon receiving complaints.

46. Ms KWAN Po-man, Senior Health Inspector (Environment Hygiene) 2 of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said the FEHD had received three complaints in the past. If relevant parties were involved in illegal hawking or obstructed scavenging services, the FEHD would initiate prosecutions according to the regulations of the FEHD and take follow-up actions.

47. Ms Jackie LO expressed thanks to various DC Members for placing their trust in the LCSD and suggested putting the pavement of the bank of Shing Mun River under the management of the LCSD. She would study whether the department had relevant mechanisms after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD did not have relevant mechanisms.)

48. The Chairman asked members whether they agreed to discuss the provisional motion proposed by Mr Billy CHAN.

49. Members agreed to discuss the provisional motion proposed by Mr Billy CHAN.

50. Mr Billy CHAN proposed the provisional motion below:

“The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the jogging tracks along the bank of Shing Mun River be managed by a single department to achieve effective regulation of the use of venues.”

Mr LAI Tsz-yan seconded the motion.

51. Mr HO Hau-cheung said this problem had existed for a long time. He recognised the past efforts made by various departments. However, relevant policy bureaux should immediately deal with this problem as it involved grey areas.

52. Mr SIU Hin-hong said the department going to be in charge of management of the bank of Shing Mun River should be specified or a proposal on setting up a strategy group to address this problem should be made in the provisional motion.

53. Mr Wilson LI said given that the STDO coordinated the work of various departments at present, which was less effective, it was hard to solve the noise problem. He held that putting the bank of Shing Mun River under the management of a single government department would help citizens and departments learn clearly about the division of labour.

54. Mr Michael YUNG hoped that this noise problem could be solved by a single department, and various relevant departments should be allowed to decide which of them would be the responsible department at their own discretion.

55. Ms Iris WONG held that the STDO could continue to coordinate the work of various departments in future and regularly review the current arrangement of corresponding works made according to the terms of reference of various departments. She said the wording “the jogging tracks along the bank of Shing Mun River be managed” and “use of venues” in the provisional motion failed to fully show the relevance between this provisional motion and the noise problem.

56. Mr WONG Ka-wing held that the wording used in the provisional motion failed to fully show that the relevant motion was related to the noise problem. As the prosecution work could hardly be initiated by only one department, he suggested that the District Management Committee set up a dedicated group to be responsible for following up the noise problem.

57. Mr YIU Ka-chun said apart from the noise problem, works of various aspects for the two sides of Shing Mun River were currently responsible by various departments according to their respective terms of reference. To prevent the noise problem from continuing to affect residents nearby, he held that relevant departments could set up groups to deal with the problem and more phrases and expressions related to the noise problem should be added in the provisional motion.

58. Mr Billy CHAN revised his provisional motion below:

“The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the jogging tracks along the bank of Shing Mun River be managed by a single department to achieve effective regulation of the use of venues, so as to thoroughly solve the noise problem.”

Mr LAI Tsz-yan seconded the motion.

59. Mr PUN Kwok-shan held that the noise problem could hardly be handled by a single department only and said the public might not put audio devices on the jogging tracks at present. Therefore, he suggested setting up groups and formulating practicable timetables to solve the noise problem.

60. Mr LAI Tsz-yan held that as it was the STDO that coordinated various departments to deal with the noise problem at present, the citizens had no idea about which department they should make complaints to, and the various departments could only passively follow up complaints and provide advice, but their actions were of no deterrent effect.

61. Mr Tiger WONG asked about data on the voice volume recorded at homes of complainants and at the two sides of Shing Mun River.

62. Mr LI Sai-wing held that the above provisional motion should focus on asking the Government to clarify the department responsible for handling the issue, and enhanced follow-up works should be conducted by that department.

63. Mr Billy CHAN revised his provisional motion below:

“Given that some citizens often cause inconvenience to residents on both sides of Shing Mun River!
The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the relevant authorities to identify a single department responsible for managing the jogging tracks along the bank of Shing Mun River by mutual coordination or negotiation, thereby achieving effective regulation of the use of venues, so as to thoroughly solve the noise problem.”

Mr LAI Tsz-yan seconded the motion.

64. Ms Jackie LO clarified that facilities along the bank of Shing Mun River were pavements and cycle tracks instead of jogging tracks.

65. Mr HO Hau-cheung advised Mr Billy CHAN to add the wording “public spaces on both sides of Shing Mun River” in the motion to cover the places along both sides of Shing Mun River.

66. Ms Iris WONG advised Mr Billy CHAN to modify the word “inconvenience” into “nuisance” in the motion.

67. Mr Billy CHAN revised his provisional motion below:

“Given that some citizens often cause nuisance to residents on both sides of Shing Mun River!

The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the relevant authorities to identify a single department responsible for managing the public spaces on both sides of Shing Mun River by mutual coordination or negotiation, thereby achieving effective regulation of the use of venues, so as to thoroughly solve the noise problem.”

Mr LAI Tsz-yan seconded the motion.

68. The Chairman asked members whether they agreed to endorse the provisional motion in paragraph 67.

69. Members unanimously endorsed the provisional motion in paragraph 67.

Information Items

Reports of Working Groups (Paper No. CSCD 26/2017)

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

Information Papers

Report and Plan by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Cultural Activities and Utilisation of Facilities in Sha Tin District (1st and 2nd Quarters of 2017) (Paper No. CSCD 27/2017)

71. Members noted the above information paper.

Report and Plan by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Recreation and Sports Activities and Management of Facilities in Sha Tin District (1st and 2nd Quarters of 2017) (Paper No. CSCD 28/2017)

72. Ms CHAN Man-kuen said the improvement works of replacing the floor tiles at Hin Keng Sports Centre was ideally implemented and thanked the LCSD for its continual review

of the usage and its corresponding improvement works in the past. She advised the LCSD to carry out checking for the shower heads in female changing rooms at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre as their water yield was insufficient and the effect was not satisfactory. She also said some citizens had reported that the number of male toilets at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre was insufficient and she asked whether there were any standards for the number of toilet cubicles. If the existing toilets were designed according to standards, she hoped that the number of toilet facilities on each floor could be designed based on facilities and number of users of individual floor in future.

73. Mr YIU Ka-chun expressed his thanks to Manager LO of the LCSD for her appropriate and timely follow-up of various problems concerning Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre, such as handling of the noise problem of the climbing wall and fan heaters. He was satisfied with the relevant arrangements. He said the number of male toilets at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre, in particular at areas near the main arena, was insufficient. Besides, he hoped that the LCSD could pay attention to the public usage of elderly fitness facilities at Ngan Shing Street Park.

74. Ms TUNG Kin-lei said she was satisfied with the LCSD's arrangement for providing more hair dryers at shower rooms. She said the water pressure of shower heads at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre was rather weak and the shower curtains were more susceptible to damage.

75. The responses of Ms Jackie LO were summarised below:

- (a) she provided supplementary information on the project progress mentioned in Annex 4 of Paper No. CSCD 28/2017. The beautification works for peripheral planters of Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre had been completed ahead of schedule on 17 April this year; the beautification works for artificial turfs of Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre had been completed on 18 April this year and the improvement works for barrier-free facilities of lifts had been completed on 12 April this year; the renovation works for the booking office of Mei Lam Sports Centre had been completed on 3 April this year; the works for building additional pump systems at and replacing water pipes of Sha Tin Sports Ground were expected to be completed this May; the resurfacing works for No.2 and No. 3 Basketball Courts of Yuen Wo Playground had been completed on 12 April this year;
- (b) she said the unsatisfactory waterpower and water yield of shower heads at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre might be caused by inadequate water pressure or obstruction from gravels, and follow-up actions and improvement works would be carried out;

(Post-meeting note: After the implementation of follow-up and improvement measures by the Architectural Services Department, a satisfactory result was achieved.)

- (c) the Architectural Services Department set the number of toilet facilities at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre based on the number of total users of recreation and sports facilities rather than users of individual floors. In future, in planning the sports facilities, relevant departments would be asked to pay attention to the fact that the number of toilet facilities should be matched with users of

recreation and sports facilities on each floor; on-site colleagues would conduct a review on the design of shower curtains at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre and follow up the improvement works; and

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD would replace the hanging rings of shower curtains in late June, for the purpose of minimizing possible damages arising from unsmooth opening and closing of shower curtains.)

- (d) the departments would arrange for security personnel to be on duty at Ngan Shing Street Playground on holidays to pay attention to the public usage of elderly fitness facilities.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had arranged a security guard to stay at the venue from 2:30 pm to 11:00 pm every day from 1 June onwards.)

76. Members noted the above information paper.

Report and Plan on Public Libraries Promotion Activities Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Sha Tin District (1st and 2nd Quarters of 2017)
(Paper No. CSCD 29/2017)

77. Mr YIU Ka-chun said the Yuen Chau Kok Public Library was well-received by the public. As a result, fewer books were left on the bookshelves, and many of the unborrowed books were written in simplified Chinese characters. He asked the LCSD about the arrangement for replenishment of books.

78. Ms CHAN Man-kuen said mobile library services had been suspended for a while due to the required inspection and emergency maintenance of mobile library vehicles, and she asked about the corresponding arrangements for deployment of library vehicles.

79. Mr Michael YUNG asked whether the collections of Yuen Chau Kok Public Library were up to standards on the first day of its opening and whether the volume of collections was calculated based on the proportion of population in the district and area of the library. He advised the LCSD to conduct a review on the ratio of books written in traditional Chinese characters to those written in simplified Chinese characters among the existing collections of Yuen Chau Kok Public Library. In addition, he suggested utilising the stand-by mobile library vehicles to support the arrangement for deployment of library vehicles.

80. The responses of Ms Glendy Lee, Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) of the LCSD were summarised below:

- (a) she said the LCSD aimed at providing a balanced collection to citizens and purchased books of various topics every year to meet the needs of different readers. In the past five years, books written in simplified Chinese characters accounted for about 9% of the total Chinese books purchased;
- (b) libraries would look into book stock on the bookshelves and replenish books thereon as needed before their opening hours every day. She said the collections of Yuen Chau Kok Public Library had reached 160 000 items when the library opened, exceeding the original standards for basic collections of

140 000 items and additional books would be purchased every year according to actual conditions. Apart from books on the bookshelves, libraries also had closed collections for timely arrangement for putting books on the shelves. The library would continue to pay attention to the borrowing status of books and make adjustments for catering the needs of readers; and

- (c) at present, there were 12 mobile library vehicles in Hong Kong, providing basic lending service in 18 districts according to the service schedules as a supplement to the static library services. During the maintenance period, the LCSD failed to deploy the existing library vehicles to make corresponding arrangements. After giving consideration to the cost-effectiveness of resources, the LCSD currently had no plan to introduce additional stand-by mobile library vehicles for deployment. However, the LCSD had noted the relevant suggestions, which would be taken into account in reviewing the services in future.

81. Members noted the above information paper.

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Arts Association
(Paper No. CSCD 30/2017)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Sports Association
(Paper No. CSCD 31/2017)

2017-2018 Approved Estimates of Expenditure Heads under the Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 32/2017)

82. Members noted the above three information papers.

Date of Next Meeting

83. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 29 June 2017 (Thursday).

84. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

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