

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee in 2017

Date : 29 June 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	2:34 pm	3:03 pm
Ms CHAN Man-kuen (Vice-Chairman)	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS, MH	DC Chairman	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	DC Vice-Chairman	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	2:34 pm	4:08 pm
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	"	2:34 pm	4:08 pm
Mr CHENG Tsuk-man	"	2:36 pm	4:23 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	"	2:34 pm	4:06 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	2:34 pm	4:21 pm
Ms LAM Chung-yan	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin	"	4:13 pm	4:28 pm
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr LI Sai-wing	"	3:31 pm	4:01 pm
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	2:34 pm	4:27 pm
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, BBS, JP	"	2:34 pm	4:23 pm
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr SIU Hin-hong	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	"	2:35 pm	4:20 pm
Mr TONG Hok-leung	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Ms TSANG So-lai	"	2:34 pm	4:23 pm
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr WONG Hok-lai	"	2:34 pm	4:21 pm
Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	"	2:34 pm	4:10 pm
Mr WONG Yue-hon	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	2:34 pm	4:06 pm
Mr YIP Wing	"	2:34 pm	4:06 pm
Mr YIU Ka-chun	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Ms YUE Shin-man	"	2:34 pm	4:02 pm
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	2:34 pm	4:28 pm
Ms LUK Tsz-sum, Ada (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) 2 / Sha Tin District Office		

In Attendance

Mr LEUNG Wing-hang, Eric

Ms LI Wing-sze, Grace

Ms LEE Yuk-kit, Glendy

Ms LO Lai-fong, Jackie

Ms HO Yi-lan, Ann

Ms LIU Siu-man

Ms TSANG Mei-ying, May

Ms NG Sheung-han, Alice

Mr CHEUNG Tat-cheung, Vincent

Ms CHENG Ka-po, Theresa

Ms LEUNG Wai-shan, Cecilia

Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek

In Attendance by Invitation

Ms LEUNG Chung-choi, Katie

Ms CHAN Sum-yee, Rita

Mr ROICHANDANI Peter

Ms WONG Hiu-ting, Amanda

Mr KOO Siu-lung, Roy

Mr CHENG Chi-wing, Ken

Mr CHUK Hau-yin

Mr LUI Kan-man, Raymond

Ms LEE Kit-ling, Bianca

Ms SHEK Nga-wing, Irene

Ms FUNG Kit-ling, Daisy

Mr WU Yat-king, Kingson

Ms NG Lai-ying, Christina

Mr NG Kam-kuen

Ms LAU Shuk-man

Mr LAU Hon-lun

Mr WONG Chi-yu

Mr CHAU Dor-ming, Domino

Mr PUN Tat-ming

Ms LO Chun-yee

Ms CHUNG Fung-hing

TitleSenior Community Relations Officer (New Territories East) /
Independent Commission Against CorruptionAssistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sha Tin) 2 /
Social Welfare DepartmentSenior Librarian (Sha Tin) /
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sha Tin
(Atg) / Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentAssistant Leisure Manager II (District Support) 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 Department

School Development Officer (Sha Tin) 11 / 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**

Liaison Officer (East) 1 / Sha Tin District Office

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

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

Liaison Officer (East) 3a / Sha Tin District Office

Liaison Officer-in-Charge (East) 5 / Sha Tin District Office

Liaison Officer-in-Charge (West) 1 / Sha Tin District Office

Liaison Officer (West) 1a / Sha Tin District Office

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

Liaison Officer-in-Charge (West) 3 / Sha Tin District Office

Liaison Officer (West) 3a / Sha Tin District Office

Executive Assistant (District Council) 1 / Sha Tin District Office

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

Manager (Entertainment) 5/

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Resident representative of Tai Wai Village

Programme Leader / Hong Kong Single Parents Association

Youth Service Team Leader / Stewards Youth Online -
Integrated Service Centre for Young People

Executive Director/

The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China

Executive Committee Member /

The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China

Senior Sports Executive/

The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China

Sports Executive/

The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China

Chief Executive / Sha Tin Sports Association

In Attendance by Invitation

Mr LAU Ko-chun

Ms NG Wai-in

Mr SUNG Lap-yeung

Ms LAM Lai-shun

TitleAssistant Division Commander (Operation) Chief Inspector
(Ma On Shan) / Hong Kong Police ForcePatrol Sub-Unit (1) Inspector (Tin Sum Division) /
Hong Kong Police Force

Chairman / Sha Tin Arts Association

Chief Executive / Sha Tin Arts Association

Absent

Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James

Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS

Mr NG Kam-hung

Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick

Mr MAK Yun-pui

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, 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 James CHAN	Duty visit outside Hong Kong
Mr Alvin LEE*	Official commitment
Mr MOK Kam-kwai	Out of town
Mr NG Kam-hung	Official commitment

*Mr Alvin LEE attended the meeting at 4:13 pm.

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

4. The Chairman said as Home Affairs Bureau said it needed more time for preparation, the question raised by Mr Michael YUNG in agenda item 5 could not be discussed at this meeting. The Bureau did not send any representative to this meeting; therefore, this agenda item was postponed to the next meeting for discussion.

5. Mr Michael YUNG said if his question was answered at this meeting, he could raise another question at the next meeting of the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee (CSCDC), but if this question was postponed to the next meeting for discussion, he could not ask any question at the next CSCDC meeting. He asked about how this situation would be dealt with.

6. The Chairman asked whether Mr YUNG would consider asking another member to put a question on his behalf, for the Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders specified that each member could only ask one question at each meeting.

7. Mr Michael YUNG expressed his understanding of the stipulation of the Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders that the member who intended to raise a question at an aborted meeting could not raise another question at the next meeting. Nevertheless, this problem was not caused by him. If the Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders were required to be complied with, he could have no choice but to accept it. However, he must point out that it seemed a little unfair to him if he lost the chance of putting any question at next meeting due to this event.

8. The Chairman said this event could be handled with discretion and if Mr YUNG would like to ask any question at the next meeting, he could contact the Chairman at that time and discuss the matter after the meeting.

9. Mr Michael YUNG said based on the principle of equality, any other member who would like to ask a question at the next meeting should be given priority.

10. The Chairman said there was a quota of five questions at each meeting and if there were less than five members asking questions at the next meeting, Mr YUNG would be allowed to ask a new question as appropriate.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 27 April 2017
(CSCDC Minutes 2/2017)

11. Members confirmed the revised minutes unanimously.

Matters Arising

12. The Chairman said as he had to attend an important meeting after 3:00 pm, he would leave the meeting earlier. The meeting would be presided over by the Vice-Chairman on his behalf.

Responses of Government Departments to Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting
(Paper No. CSCD 34/2017)

13. Members noted the above paper.

Discussion Items

Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 1 (Cultural Affairs) of 2017/2018
(Paper No. CSCD 35/2017)

14. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

15. Members unanimously endorsed the second-round funding applications from local organisations under Expenditure Head 1 of 2017/2018 according to the suggestions of the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc).

Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 6 (Recreation and Sports) of 2017/2018
(Paper No. CSCD 36/2017)

16. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

17. Members unanimously endorsed the second-round funding applications from local organisations under Expenditure Head 6 of 2017/2018 according to the suggestions of the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc).

Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 10 (Community Development) of 2017/2018
(Paper No. CSCD 37/2017)

18. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

19. Members unanimously endorsed the second-round funding applications from local organisations under Expenditure Head 10 of 2017/2018 according to the suggestions of the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc).

Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 11 (Community Organisations) of 2017/2018
(Paper No. CSCD 38/2017)

20. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

21. Members unanimously endorsed the second-round funding applications from local organisations under Expenditure Head 11 of 2017/2018 according to the suggestions of the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc).

Report and Plan by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Cultural Activities and Utilisation of Facilities in Sha Tin District (2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2017)
(Paper No. CSCD 39/2017)

22. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

2017-2018 Revised Plan of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Recreation and Sports Activities in Sha Tin District
(Paper No. CSCD 40/2017)

23. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

Report and Plan on Public Libraries Promotion Activities Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Sha Tin District (2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2017)
(Paper No. CSCD 41/2017)

24. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

2017-2018 Work Plans and Funding Applications of Working Groups under the Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 42/2017)

25. Members unanimously endorsed the 2017-2018 work plan and funding application submitted by the Working Group on Recreation and Sports Development.

26. Members unanimously endorsed the 2017-2018 work plan submitted by the Working Group on Festive Celebrations and the submission of the funding application to the Sha Tin District Council for deliberation and endorsement through recommendations by the Finance and General Affairs Committee.

Updated Membership Lists of Working Groups under the Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 43/2017)

27. Members unanimously endorsed the updated membership list of the Working Group on Festive Celebrations under the Committee.

Funding Applications

Funding Application of the Sha Tin District National Education Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 44/2017)

28. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Funding Application of the Planning Committee on Festive Lighting in Sha Tin
(Paper No. CSCD 45/2017)

29. Ms CHAN Man-kuen, Mr Tiger WONG, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Ms Iris WONG, Ms YUE Shin-man, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Ms TSANG So-lai and Mr WAI Hing-cheung declared interests as members of the applicant organisation Planning Committee on Festive Lighting in Sha Tin, and joint organisers Shatin Women's Association and Sha Tin Arts Association, respectively. The Chairman said they were allowed to attend the meeting, but had no right to vote on this funding application.

30. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Funding Application for Decennial Da Jiu Festival 2017 Hau Wong Temple Shatin Tai Wai Village cum the Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR
(Paper No. CSCD 46/2017)

31. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Funding Application of Sha Tin Area Committees
(Paper No. CSCD 47/2017)

32. Mr Thomas PANG believed the funding applications could be endorsed together without declaring interests if members had no question over the funds. Members were required to declare their own interests one by one by area committee only if they had any question over the funds.

33. Mr Michael YUNG opined that all of the members were members of area committees in Sha Tin, and no one would put a question if the funding applications were endorsed together. He suggested classifying applications from the East One Area Committee (Annexes 1, 2 and 3) as a group, with interests to be declared therefor; applications from the East Two Area Committee (Annexes 4 and 5) as a group, with interests to be declared therefor; applications from the West One Area Committee (Annex 6) as a group, with interests to be declared therefor; and applications from the West Two Area Committee (Annex 7) as a group, with interests to be declared therefor.

34. The Chairman said he also wanted to categorise applications based on area committees for declaration of interests.

35. Mr Wilson LI, Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Ms TSANG So-lai, Mr Michael YUNG, Mr YIP Wing and Mr CHIU Man-leong declared their own interests as members of the East One Area Committee, and joint organisers Hong Kong Single Parents Association or Stewards Youth Online- Integrated Service Centre for Young People, respectively.

36. Members unanimously endorsed the funding application from the East One Area Committee.

37. Ms CHAN Man-kuen, Mr WONG Ka-wing, Mr YIU Ka-chun, Mr Tiger WONG, Ms Iris WONG, Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Mr Billy CHAN, Mr Sunny CHIU, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr Victor LEUNG and Mr LAI Tsz-yan declared their own interests as members of the East Two Area Committee.

38. Members unanimously endorsed the funding application from the East Two Area Committee.

39. Mr Thomas PANG, Mr SIU Hin-hong, Ms Scarlett PONG, Mr WONG Yue-hon and Ms YUE Shin-man declared their own interests as members of the West One Area Committee.

40. Mr CHING Cheung-ying asked about the total amount of funding reserved for various area committees this year and hoped that relevant information could be provided for reference.

41. Ms Cecilia LEUNG, Senior Liaison Officer (West) of the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) responded that as originally planned, each area committee should be provided with funds of more than \$40,000, and when the funds allocated to the DC were increased, the funds allocated to various area committees were also increased; therefore, the amount of funds allocated to each area committee would increase by about \$20,000. In other words, the funds allocated after the increase totalled over \$60,000. The exact amount, if required, could be provided only after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The STDO supplemented information, saying that the total funds allocated by the DC to each area committee were increased from the original \$41,800 to \$75,400.)

42. Mr CHING Cheung-ying said he remembered an amount of more than \$40,000 was reserved for each area committee at the beginning of the year but the second increased allocation was not discussed. Therefore, he asked about the upper limit on the funds to be

applied for by the area committee for this activity and said members surely could determine the amount at this meeting but still felt surprised that the funds applied for by some area committees exceeded \$70,000.

43. Mr Derek YUEN, Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of the STDO responded that the DC reserved a total sum of funds for the four area committees when revising the budget, and the revised budget did not mention the amounts granted to individual area committee.

44. Members unanimously endorsed the funding application from the West One Area Committee.

45. Mr HO Hau-cheung, Mr TONG Hok-leung, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr PUN Kwok-shan, Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Mr WONG Hok-lai and Mr LI Sai-hung declared their own interests as members of the West Two Area Committee.

46. The views of Mr CHING Cheung-ying were summarised below:

- (a) last year, “Sha Tin Friends Association” organised a travel activity, meeting with waves of criticisms, and the meal arrangement of island buffet was particularly bad. Representatives of the association did not make a review or explanation for the activity when attending the area committee meeting. He asked why “Sha Tin Friends Association” was arranged to organise the activity again and demanded a review on whether the area committee was unable to organise this activity, which therefore was arranged to be organised by the association;
- (b) he said he had not participated in the said activity, but local participating residents were extremely dissatisfied with the activity, especially with the arrangement of buffets. He asked why the association was allowed to continue to organise the activity. He opined that issues around the activity should be sent back to the West Two Area Committee for further discussion. He opined that the division of labour between the co-organiser and the working group under the West Two Area Committee was quite vague. The co-organiser existed in name only, and the actual work was done by the working group or other organisations as arranged thereby. He suspected that the area committee was unable to organise an activity because the area committee was supposed to only contact the selected travel agency and then find volunteers to sell tickets at various areas. He asked what else the joint organiser needed to be responsible for; and
- (c) he made a comparison with the estimated expenditure of other activities or Expenditure Head 10 and Expenditure Head 11 of the DC, pointing out:
 - (i) expenses on posters amounted to \$3,000. He asked whether such expenses were needed for printing A3 posters;
 - (ii) as set out in Items 7, 8 and 9, renting eight tour buses at the rate of \$2,000 a day for each tour bus was acceptable. However, the guide fee was per capita \$1,000 a day for each tour bus and an extra charge of \$1,000 was required to be paid to each tour bus driver apart from

expenses for renting buses. He doubted whether such transportation rental costs tallied with the actual conditions and the market price, and whether it was reasonable to split the expenditure items in this way as no one would know whether someone benefited therefrom; and

- (iii) as set out in Item 11, the expenses for hiring a contractor to coordinate this activity were over \$8,000. He worried that this might constitute transfer of benefits.

47. Ms TUNG Kin-lei said she was a member of the West Two Area Committee and had no relationship with the above organisation. She had attended every meeting of the area committee. At a meeting of the area committee last year, the last “One-day Tour” activity had been reviewed and no one expressed criticisms on the activity at the meeting. All members unanimously endorsed the approval of the activity last time and no one raised any question. She did not know whether Mr CHING Cheung-ying had attended the meeting that day, but Mr CHING’s statement was a bit unfair to members of the area committee.

48. The responses of Ms Bianca LEE, Liaison Officer-in-Charge (West) 3 of the STDO were summarised below:

- (a) local organisations would be invited to co-organise activities every year and other voluntary organisations had also been invited to be a co-organiser in the past. Last year marked the first cooperation with the “Sha Tin Friends Association” to organise an activity. The joint organiser was responsible for providing places for selling tickets and collecting and keeping fees paid by participants, while the STDO took charge of inviting the contractors to give quotations, which would be submitted to the working group on activities so that members could choose a suitable travel agency at the meeting;
- (b) as to the lunch problem, when the activity was conducted last year, lunch was provided in the form of round-table meal rather than buffet. The working group on activities under the West Two Area Committee had also discussed this problem. The convenor Ms CHU Oi-yan and other members all held that as the lunch was of poor quality, the working group on activities would not make a decision this year until having carefully examined the overall performance of travel agencies which had offered quotations; and
- (c) as to budget breakdown for the activity:
 - (i) posters were printed in black and white in the past, while the expenditure of this year included colour design and printing;
 - (ii) as the number of participants amounted to about 480 this year, which was larger than that in previous years, 8 buses were rented and the guide fee and driver fee per participant was about \$16 on average, which was not too high; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid situation involved only budget expenditure, and the actual expenditure would be further adjusted later based on the quotation result.

49. Mr CHAN Nok-hang said he was not a member of the West Two Area Committee and understood it was very laborious to organise activities. Organisers surely hoped that activities would be welcomed by participants, but different people always had different thoughts. If someone held that the arrangement of meals or itinerary was not good, the organiser should conduct a review; otherwise it would be unfair to participants. The review was just for seeking continuous improvements.

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

- (a) he recalled tickets for the activity of the elders' working group were sold at different housing estates many years ago, and if "Sha Tin Friends Association" could become a co-organiser by providing places for ticket selling, it would be easy to find 20 to 30 co-organisers in the district;
- (b) he had no intention to challenge the choice of the West Two Area, but if local residents' sense of belonging could be enhanced through travel activities, the travel destinations were supposed to be venues within the district in theory;
- (c) it was a bit politically incorrect to visit scenic spots built after Hong Kong's return to China, e.g., Inspiration Lake. In addition, he asked whether visiting Spiral Lookout Tower at Tai Po Waterfront Park, having a buffet and distributing souvenirs for the 20th anniversary of the handover were equivalent to celebration; and
- (d) Hong Kong people had no sense of belonging, not due to a lack of national education but because such activities failed to demonstrate the benefits of Hong Kong's return to the motherland. Participants could not find any connection between these activities and the handover even after the activities ended.

51. The responses of Ms Cecilia LEUNG were summarised below:

- (a) Sha Tin West Two Area Committee used to organise travel activities, which were well received among residents. Therefore, the West Two Area Committee would continue to organise similar activities this year. The activity was carried out in the form of travel and therefore involved fee collection. As the financial and administrative formalities might be streamlined if a joint organiser was identified to collect fees from participants, the West Two Area Committee used to identify a local organisation willing to undertake the financial and administrative work of activities to assist the area committee in implementing activities;
- (b) as to whether residents' sense of belonging could be enhanced by travelling outside Sha Tin District, one of the purposes of activities organised by the area committee was to provide residents with recreation activities beneficial to physical and mental health, making them feel happy at living in Sha Tin. Travel was a kind of common recreation activities in the community, which was very popular among residents. Regarding whether destinations covered by the itinerary should be those in or outside Sha Tin District, the incumbent working group under the area committee would consider and plan routes, which were recommended by contractors making

quotations to the working group for choice;

- (c) visiting the scenic spots built after the handover was because the area committee obtained funds from the Home Affairs Department this year for celebrating the 20th anniversary of the handover. Therefore, adding relevant elements and distributing souvenirs for the 20th anniversary were both aimed at sharing the joy of the 20th anniversary of the handover; and
- (d) the working group would consider the opinions of various DC Members when preparing activities, so as to render a more satisfactory activity.

52. As the Chairman had to leave the meeting for important engagement, the Vice-Chairman would preside over the meeting on his behalf according to Order 6(2) of Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders.

53. The Vice-Chairman asked the members to vote on the funding application.

54. Mr Michael YUNG proposed voting be conducted by open ballot, which was seconded by four members.

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

- (a) he opined that this matter should not be decided at this meeting as Mr CHING Cheung-ying originally required issues around it to be sent back to the West Two Area Committee for further discussion;
- (b) he felt strange that as a member of the West Two Area Committee, Mr CHING Cheung-ying did not participate in the discussion within the area committee; according to normal procedures, the funding application should be endorsed by the West Two Area Committee before being submitted; and
- (c) to figure out the ins and outs of the activity, he advised the West Two Area Committee to make a further discussion before submitting the funding application.

56. Mr Michael YUNG expressed his agreement because he failed to understand the underlying justifications for event organisation by the West Two Area Committee. Several members of the CSCDC also had doubts. Therefore, the application should be sent back to the West Two Area Committee and the opinions of the CSCDC should be considered before further discussion. As stated by Mr CHING Cheung-ying, it seemed that this matter had not been discussed at the area committee meeting. It was unknown whether he was absent from the committee meeting or the application was endorsed by circulation as the minutes of the meeting failed to be referred to at present. If voting had to be conducted now, he could only cast a negative vote. Therefore, he required voting be conducted by open ballot, but it was acceptable if members agreed to send the relevant funding application back to the West Two Area Committee for discussion without voting. Organising meaningful community activities to celebrate Hong Kong's return to China could promote patriotism and culture, but he doubted the effectiveness of travel activities.

57. The responses of Ms Bianca LEE were summarised below:

- (a) when organising the committee meeting, the West Two Area Committee had endorsed by vote the Sha Tin Friends Association as the joint organiser, and the Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Tai Wai Children & Youth Integrated Services Centre as the co-organiser; and
- (b) the working group on activities had also organised relevant meetings to discuss whether the scenic spots to visit should be preferably in or outside Sha Tin District. After discussion, members resolved that travel destinations outside Sha Tin District were relatively popular.

58. The views of Mr CHING Cheung-ying were summarised below:

- (a) he had not participated in the working group, but believed that few people knew the working group worked out and submitted this financial budget to the CSCDC. He even doubted whether the Chairman of the working group played a passive role in working out this financial budget as this financial budget was not submitted to the West Two Area Committee for reference by various members; otherwise he would not have expressed so many opinions at the CSCDC meeting; and
- (b) the subsidies totalled \$75,400 and there were 464 participants, namely, the subsidies for each person were \$162. However, he wanted to know the reason why on earth extra fees were required from participants for the activity. The benefitted participants would not be thankful for the kindness, while those who could not participate in the activity would believe it was a small-circle activity, which would bring the organiser into disrepute. Therefore, he requested that a review should be made.

59. Mr WONG Yue-hon said members who were not members of the West Two Area Committee could hardly understand why this financial budget was submitted to the CSCDC for this activity. He said the Chairman was not a member of the West Two Area Committee, but many members present were members of the West Two Area Committee. Therefore, he suggested these members should participate in the discussion, and if they did think there was something wrong with the budget, he advised to have them propose a further discussion by the West Two Area Committee. He wondered whether such an approach would be more appropriate. It was also not good if members of other area committees present kept on questioning the activity organised by the West Two Area Committee. He would like to know whether the Chairman would allow the members of the West Two Area Committee to discuss whether the application would be submitted again at next CSCDC meeting. That would save trouble for members who were not members of the West Two Area Committee.

60. Mr TONG Hok-leung concurred with the opinions of Mr Michael YUNG and demanded a review on whether the activity organised achieved the desired objectives. The results of the celebration activities of the 20th anniversary of the handover just mentioned did not lie in form but in how to enable the public to truly understand the motherland. When similar activities were organised next time, he hoped that the STDO staff should think very carefully instead of merely holding common activities.

61. Mr CHAN Nok-hang said some information found just now showed that the Chairman of “Sha Tin Friends Association” was a member of the West Two Area Committee. Therefore, “Sha Tin Friends Association” was a joint organiser and its Chairman was a member of the West Two Area Committee, which might give outsiders an impression that there was a conflict of interest. Hence, he suggested sending back the application to the West Two Area Committee for discussion.

62. The Vice-Chairman said after summing up opinions of everyone, the funding application from the West Two Area Committee would be sent back to the said committee for further discussion. The paper of funding application could be submitted again at next CSCDC meeting.

Funding Application of Sha Tin Cycling and Distance Running Races cum Carnival 2017
(Paper No. CSCD 48/2017)

63. Mr Ken CHENG, Liaison Officer-in-Charge (West) 1 of the STDO made an introduction.

64. Mr WONG Yue-hon said he had heard earlier that road closure arrangement started from the morning to 3:00 pm. As Yuen Wo Road would be fully closed, residents nearby, including those of Wo Che Estate, Lek Yuen Estate and Fung Wo Estate, would be affected. There would be no transport means to urban areas or other places before 3:00 pm. He hoped that solutions could be included in the assessment for members’ understanding, reassuring members that residents would not be absolutely unable to go out due to the holding of competition. As the area of road closure included bus stations along Yuen Wo Road, the problem would be more serious if buses running on all bus routes of Wo Che Estate were not able to get in and out of the estate. Therefore, he hoped that solutions would be provided during the subsequent study to ensure that residents could still go out by bus on the day of competition; otherwise, traffic problems would be caused.

65. Mr WONG Ka-wing was delighted to see that a large-scale activity was held. The DC was very concerned about the safety of participants and impact on housing estates in the vicinity. According to the past experience in holding dragon-boat competitions, road closure just in the morning had caused area-wide traffic jam. He wanted to know what impact the full closure of Yuen Wo Road would have on traffic jam and road traffic according to the traffic impact assessment study. He required the organiser to respond whether it had held meetings with the police and Transport Department to discuss the impact of the duration of road closure on the road traffic. Besides, according to the past experience in holding multiple long-distance running activities, there was plenty of asphalt at the roadside along Yuen Wo Road, including Sha Tin Road and the road section near Ma On Shan. As large vehicles frequently ran over the road, the road became uneven and cratered. He wanted to know whether the road conditions were assessed when a cycling race was held on the road. It was relatively easy to deal with jogging, but a cycling race held on an uneven road might cause serious accidents, especially at the time of starting and sprinting. He required giving more consideration to safety measures. Although it was good that many citizens participated in large-scale activities, accidents needed to be avoided.

66. Mr WONG Hok-lai asked about the specification of bicycles and requirements of the road race. In addition, after knowing that the expenditure included bicycle rental, he wanted to know whether it meant that bicycles would be rented for use by competitors, whether bicycles could be provided to 2 000 competitors, and whether requirements and criteria for road racing bicycles would be established to avoid danger.

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

- (a) traffic impact assessment study and temporary traffic arrangement were crucial. The paper indeed described the racing route, but he would like to know what would be done if the route was found problematic after assessment and was thus required to be adjusted;
- (b) he asked whether facilities placed for the temporary traffic arrangement had gone through road safety assessment. If the temporary placement arrangement was unsatisfactory or not tested, danger might be caused to drivers and cyclists. The preliminary route would pass highways and ordinary streets. The activity would be held after the rainy season in November, and the dry weather might cause damages to road surface, thus easily causing danger. The paper did not show that the organiser would require the Highways Department to promise that any road sections that were damaged must be resurfaced to ensure the safety of racing tracks;
- (c) the paper did not mention that cyclists and runners would not simultaneously use the same road section, but in fact, they shared the same road section during some periods, and he asked whether a staggered arrangement could be made; and
- (d) the paper did not mention how to handle various road conditions, such as how to deal with traffic jam. The organiser needed to supplement relevant information to reassure members.

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

- (a) the celebration activities of the handover should have the whole Sha Tin District share the joy, but now only participants seemed happy. He opined that how to make citizens support activities should be taken into account and whether resources were available to draw support from more citizens;
- (b) as there were many participants, he asked whether programmes could be smoothly connected to maintain the atmosphere. Improper handling might not live up to people's expectations; and
- (c) the activity atmosphere was very important in that people could hardly share the pleasure if there was an absence of atmosphere. He asked how to create atmosphere. As the activity consisted of three programmes held at three places, which seemingly were independent of each other, he worried that expected effects could not be achieved.

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

- (a) in general, the road closure did not last long. The police and personnel from the Transport Department said that only one side of Yuen Wo Road was closed in the past, but this time the road was fully closed. The road closure would affect Sui Wo Court and places from Fo Tan to Yuen Wo Road. The road closure in the past affected the entire Tai Po Road, which involved a lot of manpower and material resources from the police, but this time the police and Transport Department seemingly gave no brief introduction, making it difficult to give an account to residents. He required clear explanation on the circumstances of road closure and route diversion; and
- (b) members did not see the name list of Preparatory Committee of Sha Tin Cycling and Distance Running Races cum Carnival 2017.

70. The views of Mr Sunny CHIU were summarised below:

- (a) the publicity expenses set out in Item 6 on Page 4 of Annex 4 amounted to \$600,000, accounting for a relatively large proportion of the overall budget expenditure. The expenses included production costs of tidbits of nine hours, in particular, activity promotion by invited TV artists accounted for the largest proportion. However, he doubted how effective the publicity was and whether such a large-budget production was necessary. As citizens in Sha Tin District were the target of the activity, he asked whether it would be more effective if DC Members were invited; and
- (b) regarding the production of publicity videos and broadcasting of such videos on TV or the Internet, the fees would be high for TV broadcasting; however, for broadcasting on the Internet, the website of the DC or social media platform, the fees would be less than \$600,000. He hoped that members of relevant Preparatory Committee could think twice whether the budget of \$600,000 was used properly.

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

- (a) there were few large-scale mixed competitions in Sha Tin District. Special attention should be paid to the time connection when several large-scale activities were held at the same time. 2 000 people had participated in the 20km cycling and 10km long distance running races, and the number of audiences had not yet been counted. If large-scale competition attracted a great number of spectators, it would inevitably affect the commuting residents nearby and other road users. Therefore, she was also very concerned about the traffic impact assessment;
- (b) since the activity was held in early morning and residences were located along the routes of the cycling and distance running races, she worried that there might be noise problems;
- (c) she asked about the number of staff responsible for dealing with the audiences, arrangements of the police and locations of booster stations; and

- (d) she did not object to holding the activity, but held that members of the affected areas could be invited to express their opinions on traffic impact, which might be submitted again to the DC for discussion, so that the activity could be held more smoothly.

72. Mr Wilson LI said that the arrangements and time slots for road closures were the most important, because many complaints were received in the past, saying that residents were affected by untimely road closure. Therefore, he hoped that relevant departments could provide the closure time slots, locations of booster stations and information around the closed sections, including those in Sha Tin, Lake Silver and in Ma On Shan.

73. The responses of Mr Ken CHENG were summarised below:

- (a) the large-scale activity was organised jointly by the STDO and several sports and arts organisations, including the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China, Sha Tin Sports Association and Sha Tin Arts Association, because they were experienced in holding cycling and distance running races and artistic activities;
- (b) the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China was making arrangements for traffic impact assessment studies. After receipt of relevant traffic assessment plan, the Association would first consult with relevant government departments. It also planned to submit the plan to the Traffic and Transport Committee for consultation on 12 September;
- (c) when carrying out traffic impact assessment studies, the members' opinions would also be considered, including that the section of Yuen Wo Road could be reopened before 3:00 pm, attention should be paid to whether road conditions were suitable for competitions of cyclists or distance runners, and cycling and distance running races would be held at different time slots to ensure the safety of competitors. When conducting studies on traffic diversion, the impact on public transport would be reduced as far as possible and attention should be paid to the control of crowds on racing tracks;
- (d) carnivals, including game booths and performances, would be arranged to create an atmosphere and attract citizens to participate in the activity and enjoy the festive atmosphere together;
- (e) regarding the publicity on TV, as Hong Kong was celebrating the 20th anniversary of its return to the motherland, it was hoped that this large-scale activity, which was held in Sha Tin District, could be promoted to all the people of Hong Kong or tourists through the publicity on TV. It was expected that the promotional video would introduce the routes for the cycling and distance running and sceneries in Sha Tin District, and would be broadcast before the activity for publicity. Titbits would also be produced on the day of the activity to notify all the people of Hong Kong of the large-scale activity held in Sha Tin District; and
- (f) the budget for the entire activity was about \$5.8 million, which included expenses on traffic impact assessment studies, road closure and various

arrangements for competitions. The publicity expense was estimated at \$600,000, accounting for about 10% of the total expenditure. The Preparatory Committee hoped to publicise the large-scale activity through TV to enhance publicity effect.

74. The responses of Mr WONG Chi-yu, Executive Director of the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China were summarised below:

- (a) the past practice would be adopted for closure arrangement for Yuen Wo Road: it was preliminarily expected that the lanes at one side would be reserved in the road closure plan to reduce the impact on traffic;
- (b) he once paid a site visit to the competition venue, and intended to commission a traffic engineer to conduct traffic impact assessment studies and work out temporary traffic arrangements. Temporary road arrangements would be made according to professional advice. Now he was preparing materials for the traffic assessment plan and listing out relevant requirements. Consultants were expected to be commissioned in the next two weeks to carry out road closure arrangement studies;
- (c) time slot arrangements not only had the function of traffic diversion but also took into account the possible impact on residents. Particularly, the cycling competition would start at 6:30 am from Chong San Road, Hong Kong Science Park, where there were few residential areas. The cycling team was expected to leave the area for Ma On Shan within half an hour to an hour, and would enter the bypass after passing by a few residential areas at Sai Sha Road;
- (d) the distance running race was prepared by the Sha Tin Sports Association, with whom he kept in close contact to ensure the safety of racing tracks. Only when all cyclists left Ma On Shan would the second phase of road closure begin to hold distance running race. All these arrangements were made to reduce traffic load and impact on citizens as far as possible. The plan would be submitted to members for reference after he had consulted traffic engineers and the police on whether the plan was practicable. He hoped that the above arrangements were feasible and impact on citizens could be minimised;
- (e) he once paid a site visit to the road section along Yuen Wo Road, and found that the pavement had been improved somewhat as compared with the past. He would report the actual conditions to the Highways Department for follow-ups; and
- (f) arrangements for the activity involved different units. Since the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China was relatively familiar with the procedures and management, it would play a leading role in preparing the overall road closure arrangements and guide the consultants of traffic engineering firms to prepare the final scheme.

75. The responses of Ms Theresa CHENG, Chief Liaison Officer of STDO were summarised below:

- (a) the large-scale activity was held by the STDO to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the handover. The STDO had discussed with the police on the routes for the cycling and distance running races, and the police preliminarily opined that the routes were practicable. The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China would conduct traffic impact assessment and continue to study the arrangement of the routes. After obtaining a reliable traffic impact assessment result, the STDO would call on various departments to study the road closure arrangement, and after that, submit the same to the Traffic and Transport Committee of the DC to seek members' views;
- (b) a Preparatory Committee (PC) was established, because the Hong Kong Jockey Club provided funding support and many units were responsible for the organisation of the activity, including the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China, Sha Tin Sports Association and Sha Tin Arts Association. The Co-chairmen of the Committee were Mr NG Sau-kei, Wilfred, the Vice-President of the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China, and Mr WONG Ting-chung, the Chairman of the Hong Kong Industrial & Commercial Association, while the Vice-Chairmen were Mr LEE To-ming, the Chairman of the Sha Tin Sports Association, and Mr SUNG Lap-yeung, the Chairman of the Sha Tin Arts Association. Members included the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China, Sha Tin Sports Association, Sha Tin Arts Association and the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Besides, the Honorary President and Vice-Chairman of the Shatin District Junior Police Call Honorary President Council also joined the PC because of the "Smart Rider" programme; and
- (c) the PC was established for the purpose of dealing with fund appropriation and raising, but the implementation works had not yet started at present. A few more working groups would be established later when support was obtained from the DC and ample funds were raised. Local communities and members would also be invited to join the working groups. She hoped to seek more ideas for betterment of the activity.

76. Mr SIU Hin-hong asked, for participants in both cycling and distance running races, how the organisers would link up the two activities and whether reciprocally complementary time arrangement was possible.

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

- (a) he hoped to know the outcomes of traffic impact assessment earlier because many complaints had been received due to the holding of large-scale activities in the past. The road closure period had never been so long, and the traffic in downtown areas would be very busy in holidays, particularly, on Sundays. A few years ago, road closure for organising activities mainly took place in the morning and must be ended at 12:00 noon, because it was hard to estimate congestion in the afternoon. Particularly, the number of vehicles had greatly increased at present, which was one of the factors to be considered. In addition, residents could not get on and off the vehicles at the bus stops for a

long time, which was a major problem; and

- (b) the DC was highly respected in the past when activities held by the STDO were welcomed. However, up to now, the DC Chairman and Vice-Chairman still knew nothing about the name list of Preparatory Committee of the Sha Tin Cycling and Distance Running Races cum Carnival 2017.

78. The Vice-Chairman proposed to vote on the funding application.

79. Mr CHING Cheung-ying asked whether voting on the multiple activities of the applying committees would be conducted together or one by one.

80. The Vice-Chairman said that since there was no strong opposition during the discussion earlier, the funding applications would be voted together to enhance efficiency.

81. Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Mr HO Hau-cheung, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Ms Iris WONG, Mr Tiger WONG and Ms CHAN Man-kuen declared their own interests as members of joint organisers Sha Tin Sports Association and Sha Tin Arts Association, respectively. The Chairman said they were allowed to attend the meeting, but had no right to vote on this funding application.

82. “Funding Application of Sha Tin Cycling and Distance Running Races cum Carnival 2017” was endorsed with 23 affirmative votes and 1 negative vote.

Information Items

Reports of Working Groups (Paper No. CSCD 50/2017)

83. Members noted the minutes submitted by the Working Group on Recreation and Sports Development, the Working Group on Festive Celebrations and the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc).

Information Papers

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 (2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2017) (Paper No. CSCD 51/2017)

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

- (a) he asked Ms Theresa CHENG to express her opinions. He pointed out that the works progress of the hall in the complex was proceeding quickly, but its opening was delayed due to substandard facilities. Since 2016, the library and the sports centre in the complex in Area 14B had been put into use successively, and the community hall under the STDO also started its operation on 6 June finally. Though he was happy to see the holding of an opening ceremony for the community hall, he asked why there were still no opening ceremonies for the library and the sports centre under the

management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) under the jurisdiction of the Home Affairs Bureau after they were open for use;

- (b) he asked whether a comprehensive opening ceremony should be held for building a large complex in Sha Tin District. The ceremony was intended to inform all residents in Sha Tin District of how to use the three facilities and therefore needed not be extravagant;
- (c) the STDO was responsible for community liaison work. Though DC Members were invited, no district organisations which could enjoy the facilities were invited, including such community partners as the owner's committees or owners' corporations. Lack of communication would make it difficult for residents to support community facilities; and
- (d) he asked whether opening ceremonies would be held separately for complexes under the management of the Home Affairs Bureau. He hoped that the STDO could make a review or explain after the meeting the way to hold the opening ceremony and invite participants and why resident representatives nearby, e.g. owner's committees or owners' corporations, were not invited.

85. Ms Theresa CHENG responded that she would report the views to the person in charge.

86. Ms Jackie LO, District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) of LCSD responded that the LCSD would provide cooperation and make follow-ups if the DC believed that it was necessary to hold an opening ceremony for the sports centre.

87. The Vice-Chairman said that there were local views that residents did not know the location of Area 14B in Yuen Chau Kok, so she hoped that residents of Sha Tin District could be informed that the complex and library in Area 14B had been completed.

88. Mr WAI Hing-cheung said that holding two opening ceremonies for single facility would puzzle the public, and such a situation should be clearly explained.

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

- (a) in his view, the opening ceremony was not the only way to publicise a facility to the public;
- (b) regarding the management of district facilities, the DC had some arrangements, but prudent evaluation should be made on their rationality or necessity. If the arrangements were excessive, the public might think that the DC was too extravagant and held unnecessary celebration activities; and
- (c) more consideration could be given to inviting neighbouring district organisations, so that more residents' organisations would know the activity.

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

- (a) the Yuen Chau Kok Complex was the first completed facility available for public use since the Regional Council was dissolved 17 years ago. It was a great, long-waiting and joyous event for both residents and the Government;
- (b) he agreed that it was unnecessary to hold two opening ceremonies, but it was necessary to think about how to publicise the facilities to residents in Sha Tin District, particularly, to stakeholders of neighbouring district organisations; and
- (c) he suggested that an open day should be held after the facilities were put into service, and citizens could be invited publicly to participate in the activity, and even use the facilities for free. Besides, consideration could be given to inviting representatives of residents' organisations in Sha Tin District to lead the guided tours, so as to make up for the previous inadequate arrangements.

91. Mr WONG Ka-wing held that it was unnecessary to hold another opening ceremony, but residents should be notified that new facilities met the community needs. He proposed that the STDO and LCSD could jointly organise guided tours, invite the Chairmen and corporate representatives of neighbouring housing estates to pay a visit and publicise the merits of facilities to residents in the district, so as to put the facilities to effective use.

92. Mr TONG Hok-leung said that this matter highlighted the lack of communication among government departments, and opening ceremony should not be held only for community hall in a complex. He agreed to invite residents in the district, responsible persons of community organisations, mutual aid committees and corporations to participate in the open day to publicise new facilities.

93. Mr YIU Ka-chun expressed regrets at the government departments' handling approach towards the newly completed facilities. The STDO, as a coordinating department between the community and the government, failed to perform its duties, and even failed to make good preparations for the opening ceremony of a complex under the Home Affairs Bureau. He doubted how it could establish positive district relations. Since the mutual aid committees and corporations knew nothing about the opening of the facilities, the facilities could by no means be put to effective use.

94. Ms Jackie LO responded that in order to introduce the new facilities to citizens in the district, the LCSD sent letters to the property management offices of neighboring housing estates, social welfare agencies and schools, inviting residents and students in the district to participate in the "Sport For All Day" on 6 August 2017. Besides, guided tours had been arranged on that day for schools to visit the library, study rooms and the community hall.

95. Mr HO Hau-cheung opined that it was necessary to keep in close contact with the STDO and carefully discuss the matters relating to the invitation list for the "Sport For All Day" to prevent any omissions.

96. Ms Theresa CHENG responded that there were views that the STDO's efforts in coordination were inadequate. She would like to take this opportunity to clarify that in dealing with district affairs, should any affair involve more than one department and the powers and responsibilities among departments were not clearly defined, thus requiring the

STDO's coordination and collaboration, the STDO was of course duty-bound to play the role of a co-coordinator; however, this matter was about the opening ceremonies held respectively by the STDO and the LCSD for their own facilities. Therefore, no coordination was required. Nevertheless, relevant opinions would be conveyed to the Management Committee of the Yuen Chau Kok Complex.

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Arts Association
(Paper No. CSCD 52/2017)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Sports Association
(Paper No. CSCD 53/2017)

97. Members noted the above three information papers.
98. Members noted that Mr Alvin LEE had attended the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

99. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 31 August 2017 (Thursday).
100. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm.

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