

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 4th Meeting of
the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee in 2017

Date : 31 August 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	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Ms CHAN Man-kuen (Vice-Chairman)	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr HO Hau-cheung, SBS, MH	DC Chairman	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	DC Vice-Chairman	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	2:52 pm	3:44 pm
Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James	"	2:47 pm	3:36 pm
Mr CHENG Tsuk-man	"	2:40 pm	3:48 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	"	2:52 pm	3:44 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	2:39 pm	3:48 pm
Ms LAM Chung-yan	"	2:35 pm	3:14 pm
Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin	"	2:35 pm	3:40 pm
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr LI Sai-wing	"	2:35 pm	3:12 pm
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	"	2:54 pm	3:48 pm
Mr NG Kam-hung	"	2:44 pm	3:48 pm
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, BBS, JP	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	"	2:35 pm	3:15 pm
Mr SIU Hin-hong	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr TONG Hok-leung	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Ms TSANG So-lai	"	2:59 pm	3:48 pm
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Mr WONG Hok-lai	"	3:12 pm	3:48 pm
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	"	2:58 pm	3:48 pm
Mr WONG Yue-hon	"	2:35 pm	3:20 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	2:51 pm	3:45 pm
Mr YIP Wing	"	2:45 pm	3:48 pm
Mr YIU Ka-chun	"	2:35 pm	3:48 pm
Ms YUE Shin-man	"	2:35 pm	3:36 pm
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	2:35 pm	3:48 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 CHAN Siu-kin, Ester

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 LO Lai-fong, Jackie

Ms LAW See-ngar, Briget

Ms LEE Kit-ling, Bianca

Ms SHEK Nga-wing, Irene

Mr NG Ho-lun, Alan

Ms LAU Wing-yan

Mr LEUNG Chi-wang

Mr TSANG Siu-tong

Mr TAM Tin-yam

Absent

Mr CHAN Nok-hang

Mr MAK Yun-pui

Mr TING Tsz-yuen

Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH

Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick

Title

Senior Youth and Education Officer (New Territories East) / Independent Commission Against Corruption

Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sha Tin) 2 / Social Welfare Department

Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support)

Sha Tin / Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Manager (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

District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sha

Tin / Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

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

Liaison Officer in charge (Youth Programme) /

Sha Tin District Office

Senior Health Inspector (Environmental Hygiene)3

Sha Tin / Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Divisional Commander (New Territories East) /

Fire Services Department

Assistant Police Community Relations Officer /

Sha Tin Police District / Hong Kong Police Force

Police Community Relations Officer /

Sha Tin Police District / Hong Kong Police Force

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 CHAN Nok-hang	Sickness
Mr MAK Yun-pui	Official commitment
Mr WONG Ka-wing	”
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	Other reason

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

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 29 June 2017
(CSCDC Minutes 3/2017)

4. Members confirmed the above minutes unanimously.

Discussion Items

Meeting Schedule of the Committee for 2018
(Paper No. CSCD 54/2017)

5. Members unanimously endorsed the above paper.

Funding Applications

Funding Application of Sha Tin West Two Area Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 55/2017)

6. Mr HO Hau-cheung, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Mr TONG Hok-leung, Mr PUN Kwok-shan, Ms TUNG Kin-lei and Mr MOK Kam-kwai declared their interests as members of the Sha Tin West Two Area Committee, the organisation that made the application. The Chairman said that they could attend the meeting but had no voting rights over the said funding application.

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

- (a) he expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) for exchanging ideas sincerely and making re-amendment to the funding application. He supported the funding application and had no other opinion; and
- (b) the Area Committee held an activity “Happy One-day Tour”. As stated by the organisation, the activity was to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to the Motherland. The name of the activity looked normal, he did not consider it inappropriate. But it led to another issue, that is, a mutual aid committee once complained to him that when they made a funding application to Sha Tin District Council (STDC) for holding an activity named as “Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Handover”, a staff member in the Secretariat said that the activity could not be named as such. It was likely to be

merely the personal opinion of frontline staff when they were handling the application documents. He hoped that the Secretariat would remind them to pay more attention to this.

8. Mr Derek YUEN, Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of the STDO responded that he would ask Mr CHING Cheung-ying for details and do the follow-up after the meeting.

9. The Chairman said that the case mentioned by Mr CHING Cheung-ying would be handled here, and no staff would be called to account here.

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

- (a) as stated in page 3 of the Paper, printing 2 300 medium-sized calendars would cost 15 dollars each. Many DC Members in the STDO had the experience of ordering the printing of hanging calendars or medium-sized calendars. He asked whether the price of 15 dollars each was a bit high. He knew that invitations would later be sent to printers for quotations, however, if the budget price was too high, he would suggest that resources should be better used. For example, to print a larger quantity of calendars with the same resources, or to use the resources in other areas; and
- (b) he respected the decision of the West Two Area Committee. Although the quality might not be the same, 14 dollars each was quite expensive as compared to the cost of just 6 to 7 dollars or 7 to 8 dollars for the printing made by members. Last year, he got a quotation of 12 dollars for the medium-sized calendar, and the quality was already fairly good. If the West Two Area Committee could provide more information and let more contractors to compete fairly, the public money could be better used.

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

- (a) he respected the decision of the West Two Area Committee, but he asked how could the objective of “improve the residents’ understanding of Sha Tin West Two Area Committee and build their sense of belonging to the district by distributing 2018 hanging calendars to the residents of West Two Area for free” be achieved by distributing calendars. Other than distributing calendars, he asked if there was any other activity that could reach more residents in the district than by distributing calendars to 2 300 persons;
- (b) if the 2 300 hanging calendars were to be allocated to 300-odd voluntary bodies, each body would only get 8 calendars. If it was publicly declared that the calendars were for public distribution, he asked if that would arouse suspicions that part of the stocks was reserved for internal use. If the calendars were to be distributed publicly, the quantity might be too small, which in turn caused problems;
- (c) regarding the objective of the tour, travelling could promote the exchange of ideas and communication among residents, and, as a matter of fact, any activity could be held for celebrating the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong’s handover;

- (d) he wanted to gain an insight of how to estimate the results attained regarding “promote the civic awareness of Sha Tin residents” and “celebrate the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong’s handover” as stated in points 3 and 4;
- (e) he asked about the price and arrangements of ticketing locations regarding the public ticketing, and if it was possible that all tickets would be purchased by informed persons, failed to achieve the objective of public ticketing, thereby posing adverse effects on the West Two Area Committee and DC. He hoped the party concerned could explain the situation;
- (f) there were six ticketing locations for citizens from ten constituencies to purchase the tickets of the tour, he asked how the party concerned would inform those residents from constituencies with no ticketing office about the ticketing locations in the vicinity; and
- (g) he asked how to quantify the effectiveness and outcomes of the two activities held, and how to decide whether to recommend the activities to the next-term committee.

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

- (a) he was unclear about the size of the medium-sized hanging calendar as the Paper did not mention it. Some of the calendars printed by the ward offices of DC Members were small-sized, around 3 to 4 inches; while some were 6 to 7 inches in size, which would well be considered by the printers as medium-sized. But a standard medium-sized hanging calendar should be 10-odd inches, therefore, hanging calendars of 12 to 13 inches should not be classified as medium-sized. Though different people might have different standards. As such, the West Two Area Committee might have to provide more information on the hanging calendar during the funding application process. He agreed with other members’ opinions that 6 to 7 dollars was enough to print a hanging calendar, and that 8 to 9 dollars would be a normal price. Hanging calendars of the same size ranged in price from 6 to 20 dollars, with different quality, of course. So he asked how the standards for quotation, such as the weight or colour of the papers, to be determined. Many members had experiences making such products, so, if the West Two Area Committee stated that the unit price was 14 dollars in the past, it could provide a sample to the members for them to consider its quality. The members always placed trust in the STDO, but if the price and quality were significantly different from the market price, all members would not want the public money to be wasted. As everyone expressed concern about it, the party concerned should provide more information for the members to consider;
- (b) all kinds of activities could build a sense of belonging among the residents, the same kind of activities had been repeatedly held over the last ten-odd years. Tour activity had been discussed during the last meeting, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, the West Two Area Committee member who raised such issue, also expressed his support this time. He suggested that the issue regarding the hanging calendar could be further discussed. The West Two Area Committee could invite the members who had expressed their views to provide information of contractors for quotation invitation. More hanging calendars could be made

if a double quantity of calendars was affordable under the budgeted expenses; if the printing could be done at a lower price, the public money could be saved. If the price of each hanging calendar remained 14 to 15 dollars based on its design after open invitation of quotation, and the fund was needed before the application resubmission could be dealt in the next meeting, the application could be considered for endorsement by the members by way of circulation of papers; and

- (c) (he) asked West Two Area Committee to provide supplemental information after the meeting and report to this committee regarding the quotation plan finally adopted, so as to ensure the public money was used effectively.

13. Mr Billy CHAN asked which printer would do the printing of hanging calendars with the quotation of 15 dollars and how the quality was. The hanging calendars he arranged to print cost 6 to 9 dollars. 15 dollars could print twice the quantity. He asked why the West Two Area Committee would decide to hold such activity and how the hanging calendars would be distributed to the residents in the West Two Area.

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

- (a) he opined that the descriptions in the product specifications for the hanging calendars should be made more clearly. Procurement involved numerous types of products. He asked who was currently responsible for drafting the content;
- (b) he said that the sum spent on procurement could range from more than a million dollars to several million dollars. He did not agree to contract out a project of celebrating the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's handover which involved over a million dollars to a voluntary body. Though it was described that the outsourcing was done to fulfil the procurement procedures, the cost would be much higher. In addition, voluntary bodies were not professional procurement staff, procurement work should be contracted to small and medium enterprises. If the work was contracted out to voluntary bodies, it would not only increase the costs, but also reduce the business of small and medium enterprises. It was not cost effective; and
- (c) apart from making the descriptions in the product specifications clear, invitation to tender should be made randomly to involve more contractors in getting quotations.

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

- (a) the Secretary for the Working Group on Activities of the West Two Area Committee had conducted a preliminary market research, and it had experience of making medium-sized hanging calendars in other events in the past. The quotations for making hanging calendars were generally 14 dollars each, thus we budgeted 15 dollars for each. The Secretariat would strictly follow the government quotation procedures and select an appropriate contractor according to the "lowest bid wins" principle. If we got a quote with lower price than the budgeted price, the Secretary for the Working Group on Activities would increase the printing quantity correspondingly;

- (b) regarding the way of calendar distribution, the West Two Area Committee had made a preliminary calculation and found that there were ten constituencies in the area, with over three hundred bodies or organisations of different kinds such as voluntary bodies, resident organisations, schools, village representatives. Those two thousands-odd calendars would be distributed to residents in need through these bodies. Moreover, the Secretary for the Working Group on Activities would prepare a distribution list for the committee to consider and resolve;
- (c) regarding the arrangement for the quotation invitation, the Secretary for the Working Group on Activities would carry out such work according to the procurement procedures of the Home Affairs Department (HAD). After the quotation work was finished, the Working Group would discuss the content of the quotations received, and vote on which contract to adopt with members of the Working Group, co-organisers and supporting organisers;
- (d) regarding the size of the hanging calendars, calendars of 13 x 14.5 inches were generally called “medium-sized calendars”. The Area Committee would request the contractor to provide design service and print the commonly used telephone numbers of Sha Tin district on the calendars. And the tenders would be handled according to the “lowest bid wins” principle;
- (e) as to the touring locations, the West Two Area Committee would visit locations related to the commemoration of the handover, such as Tai Po Waterfront Park. It would allow residents in the West Two Area to visit attractions related to Hong Kong’s handover outside Sha Tin. The West Two Area Committee would invite travel agencies to submit quotes, and request them to recommend one or two more locations for the West Two Area Committee to consider;
- (f) regarding the arrangement for purchasing touring tickets, according to past experiences, there would be six locations for public ticketing in the West Two Area, including the public housing estates in the West Two Area, such as Lung Hang Estate, Hin Keng Estate, Sun Tin Wai Estate, Mei Lam Estate and Holford Gardens. Each participant would have to pay an estimate of 60 dollars for the ticket;
- (g) apart from visiting the tourist attractions, souvenirs would be given to the participants by the the West Two Area Committee during the tour, hoping to share the happiness of the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong’s handover with the participants; and
- (h) regarding the promotion work, apart from selling tickets for the tour in six locations, the Secretary for the Working Group on Activities would send promotion posters by post to all resident organisations and voluntary bodies in the West Two Area, so as to publicise the ticketing and activity details.

16. The supplemental responses of Ms Cecilia LEUNG, Senior Liaison Officer (West) of the STD0 were summarised below:

- (a) there would be certain difficulties in quantifying the effectiveness of a community activity, every community activity held by the STD0 would be

assessed for its effectiveness and cost effectiveness. Concerning the printing of hanging calendars, if a certain quantity was made and all of them were distributed to the targets of the activity, or even the quantity could not satisfy the demand, both situations could be deemed as having achieved the goal. If there were sufficient resources in the future and the price was lower, we could print more hanging calendars;

- (b) regarding how the tour could promote the sense of belonging and civic awareness of the residents, again we had no standard to quantify the outcome. The STDO and West Two Area Committee often held recreational activities by utilising resources to build the residents' awareness of being a part of the community of Sha Tin West Two Area and allow them to communicate with each other and build relationships, hoping to promote the residents' sense of belonging to this district; and
- (c) as to how to achieve the goal of celebrating the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's handover, the West Two Area would let residents and participants know that this year is the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's handover through the promotion of the tour activity.

17. The Chairman suggested dealing with this funding application first. Concerning the details of the hanging calendars, including the printing quantity and unit price, should the West Two Area Committee get a lower price after quotation invitation, such details could be amended afterwards.

18. Members endorsed the said funding application by 11 affirmative votes, 4 negative votes, 8 abstention votes.

(Post-meeting note: Regarding the arrangement of printing hanging calendars, the Secretary for the Working Group on Activities of the West Two Area Committee sent quotation invitations to contractors according to the government's procurement procedures. After quotation procedures was completed, the lowest quote was \$9.3 for each calendar, so the possible printing quantity increased from 2 300 to 3 700.)

Funding Application of Owners' Corporation Newly Established in 2017/2018
(Paper No. CSCD 56/2017)

19. Ms Scarlett PONG declared her interest by stating that she was the chairperson of the applying organisation, the owners' corporation of the Palazzo, therefore she would not vote on the funding application.

20. Members unanimously endorsed the said funding application according to the recommendations by the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc).

Funding Application of the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 57/2017)

21. Mr Alan NG, Liaison Officer in charge (Youth Programme) of the STDO gave a brief introduction, and told the members that it was stated in item 3(K) on page one of Appendix 4 that there would be 8 drama performances in the Theatre Appreciation Programme. The words "4 drama performances" stated in item 4(B) were typos and should be corrected to "8

drama performances”.

22. Members unanimously endorsed the said funding application.

Questions

Question to be Raised by Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael on Equestrian Development in Hong Kong and the Idle Site of the Hong Kong Sports Institute
(Paper No. CSCD 49/2017)

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

- (a) he raised question based on the public consultation section mentioned in Appendix 6 of the paper, as he remembered that in the second meeting of the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee (CSCDC) in 2008, one of the agenda items mentioned about the Idle Site of the Hong Kong Sports Institute. At that time, the department concerned gave only a brief summary to explain the whole matter in a simple manner. Regarding the briefing session mentioned in this question, he made a search in the library of the DC for all the public minutes, but failed to find the minutes related to that briefing session. Appendix 6 of the paper stated that the DC had been consulted, but it did not indicate whether there was any consultation paper for the briefing session, nor did it show any description thereof or any opinions obtained therefrom. Thereafter, he could get the record for that briefing session only after he asked the Secretariat to provide such document. As the title of the meeting included the words “the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of Sha Tin District Council” and the minutes should have been prepared by the secretary of the then DC, he asked why such document could not be attached to the minutes as an attachment;
- (b) the STDO responded that the said document mentioned was a first draft. He asked whether the document had been amended. If it had been amended, the document was not a first draft but a final version. He asked whether the staff in the Secretariat could explain the reason to the Committee based on existing records; and
- (c) after the matter was handled in the form of a briefing session, [the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)] informed the Legislative Council that it had consulted the DC. He opined that the DC was unfairly treated by the HAB acting this way. If the meeting was hosted by the HAB and not formally convened by the chairman as a committee meeting according to the Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders, and if nobody requested to read the document, the public would be kept in the dark. He asked if he could request to make public such document, rendering it accessible not only upon the request of DC Members or the public. If the briefing session intended only for understanding whether there was any problem in the project or the way to handle the project, he would consider it acceptable. However, if after [the HAB] summarised the opinions collected in the briefing session, it reported to the legislature that there was no opposing opinion from the district, it was not just. Also, the HAB did not explain why it came to such decision at that time. He hoped that Ms Theresa CHENG, Chief Liaison Officer of the STDO, relayed a clear message to the

District Officer of Sha Tin that if the speeches made by members in the briefing session was manipulated to let others think that there was no opposing opinion from the district, it was improper and was unfair to the 39 members.

24. The responses of Ms Ada LUK, Executive Officer (District Council) 2 of the STDO were summarised below:

- (a) the archive of the Secretariat had kept in record the first draft of the record of the briefing session of the reconstruction of the Hong Kong Sports Institute on 2 April 2007. The briefing session was held ten years ago, the Secretariat had invited members to attend at that time. No other information was shown in the archive. The meeting was not a formal meeting of CSCDC but only a briefing session. As such, the document was a record of a briefing session but not the minutes of CSCDC; and
- (b) the first draft of the record of the briefing session had been sent to the members to let them know the content of the session and give their opinions. Members could apply to access such document and the public also had access to such document. Therefore, such document was an available material.

25. Ms Theresa CHENG responded that she noted the opinions of Mr Michael YUNG and would express it to the party concerned.

Question to be Raised by Mr WAI Hing-cheung on the Recognition of Enthusiastic Citizens
(Paper No. CSCD 58/2017)

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

- (a) regarding the responses from the Fire Services Department (FSD), he asked in what circumstances would a non-FSD member be recognised, and if there was any specific condition for it, and that whether it was only a special case;
- (b) he asked which rank of the officers in the FSD was responsible for presenting the recognition award. Regarding the response from the Hong Kong Police Force (the Police) that recognition awards were considered by officers in charge of case (OC case), he said that, according to his knowledge, OC case of different cases varied in ranks, he asked the Police to provide more details;
- (c) the case mentioned in the response from the Police was under investigation by Traffic Division (New Territories South), he asked whether the case was still under investigation as it had been more than two months up to this day. He asked if the time required would be too long if the identity of the person who was involved and provided assistance on that day still could not be confirmed;
- (d) he had no objection to the Police offering the “Good Citizen Award” to recognise individuals with contribution to public order or having aided the Police. However, the title “Good Citizen” had long been used by the Police as a term to name such kinds of individuals. He opined that it is worthwhile to discuss why other individuals having other good conducts could not be called “Good Citizens”;

- (e) regarding the response of the Police for Question (3), if the Police issued appreciation letters to the individuals concerned, which officer would be responsible for the issuing;
- (f) whether the Police would consider the background of the “Good Citizen” to be appreciated or recognised, such as whether he/she had committed crime before, had criminal record or was a prisoner. If there was any example in the past that the Police offered or did not offer award to such kind of individuals who had the conduct of a good citizen;
- (g) Question (4) was raised to the DC, he did not understand why it was responded by the HAD, who did not mention the active role taken by it in its response. He hoped that the Government could appreciate and recognise the individuals with contribution to the society and the public, so that it could be a kind of civic education. He did not really mean to ask the DC. Surely the DC could consider recognising “Good Citizens” in the district, but why the STDO could not do so. He hoped the STDO responded to it;
- (h) he considered it as a common understanding that when a question was asked in the DC, it was not necessary to indicate that every part of it was related to Sha Tin District;
- (i) he asked whether the FSD had confirmed the identity of the off-duty officers who had participated in the rescue on that day and if their conduct had been appreciated orally. Or if it was the case as said by the Police that since the case was under investigation, the individuals at the site still could not be confirmed and nothing could be said at the moment;
- (j) according to the news coverage, though the individuals concerned were off-duty officers who were not on duty, they were devoting and active in making contribution to the community, not hesitating to do the right thing. He earnestly hoped that all departments could learn from the case and those personnel who failed to carry out their duty during working hours should be alerted and taken the off-duty officers as role models ; and
- (k) sacrificing oneself to save others did not limit to this accident, it happened in other disasters. He asked if the HAD would actively consider recognising such kind of individuals.

27. Mr Thomas PANG said that since it was not indicated in the question that it was related to Sha Tin District, it was reasonable for the HAD, who was responsible for the overall affairs of the 18 districts, to give the response. He opined that if the question was related to STDC, there was no need to ask the question, as the members could give their opinions and suggest setting up a “Good Citizen Award”.

28. Mr HO Hau-cheung said that the DC just mentioned by Mr WAI Hing-cheung surely included STDC. The HAD connected the operations of DCs of 18 districts and made simple response. He also agreed that each district could make its own decision according to the condition of individual districts. He totally agreed with the views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung. As a former educator, he agreed completely on the effectiveness of encouragement. By making more use of incentives and encouragement to promote the sense of righteousness in

the society and create a more positive atmosphere was always a good thing. If this issue would be addressed and a mechanism would be established at the DC level, it was not up to him alone to determine, since the subjectivity and assessment standard of the mechanism had to be considered. Therefore, if, at a right time, Mr WAI Hing-cheung was willing to propose the DC establishing such mechanism, he would surely give his support. But, of course, the matter had to be agreed and approved by the whole DC at the first instance.

29. The responses of Mr LEUNG Chi-wang, Divisional Commander (New Territories East) of the FSD were summarised below:

- (a) if the case involved an ordinary citizen, the FSD would consider the nature and extent of assistance he/she provided in the incident. If the case was verified to be true, a certificate of recognition would be granted by the Chief Fire Officer or the Director;
- (b) regarding the award to a staff member of the FSD, the Department had to consider the incident and the staff member's conduct to determine the level of recognition to be granted. If the conduct of an off-duty staff member showed that he/she had good leadership or was competent, and his/her excellent performance was verified upon investigation, the Department would express its appreciation in various ways, such as oral appreciation, making record in his/her personal profile, or even granting certificate of recognition by the Chief Fire Officer or the Director; and
- (c) the FSD currently had more than 10 000 staff members, upon diligent investigation and enquiry, the three off-duty officers who aided in taking care of the injured on the day of the incident had been identified, and their superiors were informed to express appreciation to them. In addition, if, for example, any off-duty officer actively provided assistance when someone was injured, or performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation when he/she found someone had heart attack so as to help the patient to regain consciousness. The relevant team of the Department to which the said officer belonged would conduct an investigation, he/she would receive corresponding recognition upon verification.

30. The responses of Mr TSANG Siu-tong, Assistant Police Community Relations Officer / Sha Tin Police District of the Police were summarised below:

- (a) the OC case mentioned by the Police were generally inspectors or of more senior ranks. The OC case would recommend persons to be recognised to the divisional commander or commander. In general, letters of appreciation were issued by superintendent or chief superintendent;
- (b) the investigation spent a long period of time as the accident in the end of June involved death. Before suing the driver, advice of the Department of Justice (DoJ) had to be sought. More time was required as relevant reports would be submitted to the DoJ, and careful investigation had to be conducted, and various laboratory test results were pending. Though it had already been two months since the case occurred, it was not considered as too long according to past experiences of the Police;

- (c) the granting of the “Good Citizen Award” twice a year was done by Police Headquarters, only citizens having attained certain criteria would be awarded. A citizen might be granted the award even if he/she did not meet the criteria. For example, in Sha Tin, awards were given to good citizens who were not recipients of the “Good Citizen Award” at the end of each year express appreciation; and
- (d) the reason to grant the “Good Citizen Award” to enthusiastic citizens was that they had provided assistance or made contributions in a single occasion. It had no direct relationship with their backgrounds. The Police would not refrain from granting awards because of the previous criminal records of the citizens. The figures for awards granted to individuals with criminal records were not available at the moment. But there was absolutely no relationship between the two elements. If an individual did make a substantial contribution, even if he/she might have a criminal record, the Police would consider granting him/her a “Good Citizen Award”.

31. Ms Theresa CHENG responded that, according to her knowledge, the Secretariat invited the HAD to answer the said question. The HAD currently did not offer the “Good Citizen Award”, it noted the opinions of Mr WAI Hing-cheung and would express it to the party concerned.

32. The Chairman said that it was open for discussion as to explore whether it was appropriate to set up the “Good Citizen Award” in Sha Tin District. Currently there was no information showed that there was award like the “Good Citizen Award” offered by the 17 DCs other than this district. This committee could further consider the issue, or the proposal could be passed to suitable working groups for discussion.

33. Mr Thomas PANG said that since it was not indicated in the question that it was related to Sha Tin District, it was reasonable for the HAD, who was responsible for the overall affairs of the 18 districts, to give the response. He opined that if the question was related to STDC, there was no need to ask the question, as members could give their opinions and suggest setting up a “Good Citizen Award”.

34. Mr HO Hau-cheung said that the DC just mentioned by Mr WAI Hing-cheung surely included STDC. The HAD connected the operations of DCs of the 18 districts and made simple response. He also agreed that each district could make its own decision according to the condition of individual districts. He totally agreed with the views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung. As a former educator, he agreed completely on the effectiveness of encouragement. By making more use of incentives and encouragement to promote the sense of righteousness in the society and create a more positive atmosphere was always a good thing. If this issue would be addressed and a mechanism would be established at the DC level, it was not up to him alone to determine, since the subjectivity and assessment standard of the mechanism had to be considered. Therefore, if, at a right time, Mr WAI Hing-cheung was willing to propose the DC establishing such mechanism, he would surely give his support. But, of course, the matter had to be agreed and approved by the whole DC at the first instance.

35. Ms Theresa CHENG responded that the HAD currently did not offer the “Good Citizen Award”, and as she responded before, she would express the opinions to the headquarters.

Information Items

Reports of Working Groups
(Paper No. CSCD 59/2017)

36. Members noted the minutes submitted by the Working Group on Festive Celebrations and the Working Group on Recreation and Sports Development.

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 (3rd and 4th Quarters of 2017)
(Paper No. CSCD 60/2017)

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 (3rd and 4th Quarters of 2017)
(Paper No. CSCD 61/2017)

37. The views of Mr SIU Hin-hong were summarised below:
- (a) he asked how the figures in the records of activities organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) were obtained. He asked whether the figures included the activities held in the rented LCSD venues or just those organised by the LCSD; and
 - (b) the report mentioned the activities held for the mentally-ill. He asked if the Department had any guidelines stipulating the ratio of coach to participant. If the LCSD organised such kind of activities, he asked for the reasons why it was held for the mentally-ill only instead of other underprivileged groups.
38. The responses of Ms Jackie LO, District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) of the LCSD were summarised below:
- (a) the “Recreation and Sports Activities” in Appendix 2 of the paper were organised by the LCSD, and the “number of participants” included trainees who applied for the training classes and the participants on the day of the activities. The utilisation rate in the “Facility Report” in Appendix 3 recorded the number of people using the venues;
 - (b) the LCSD always endeavoured to organise different kinds of activities to the underprivileged groups in need. Each year, relevant teams in the LCSD would contact organisations for persons with disabilities to plan for activities according to their interest and needs, such as day camp, night camp, tour and training course; and
 - (c) the LCSD had formulated related guidelines regarding the ratio of coach to participant and whether participants were required to be accompanied, to ensure the safety of them.

Report and Plan on Public Libraries Promotion Activities Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Sha Tin District (3rd and 4th Quarters of 2017)
(Paper No. CSCD 62/2017)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Arts Association
(Paper No. CSCD 63/2017)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Sports Association
(Paper No. CSCD 64/2017)

39. Members noted the above five information papers.

Date of Next Meeting

40. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 26 October 2017 (Thursday).

41. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

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