

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 5th Meeting of
the Culture, Sports & Community Development Committee in 2017

Date : 26 October 2017 (Thursday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Sha Tin District Council Conference Room
 4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

<u>Present</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Mr CHIU Man-leong (Chairman)	DC Member	(2:30 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Ms CHAN Man-kuen (Vice-Chairman)	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Mr HO Hau-cheung, SBS, MH	DC Chairman	(2:30 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	DC Vice-Chairman	(2:30 pm)	(4:40 pm)
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	(2:30 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Mr CHENG Tsuk-man	"	(2:30 pm)	(4:50 pm)
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:09 pm)
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	(2:55 pm)	(5:50 pm)
Ms LAM Chung-yan	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	(2:35 pm)	(4:04 pm)
Mr LI Sai-wing	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Mr MAK Yun-pui	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Mr NG Kam-hung	"	(3:00 pm)	(5:00 pm)
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, BBS, JP	"	(3:21 pm)	(4:37 pm)
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	"	(2:47 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Mr SIU Hin-hong	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	"	(2:47 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Mr TONG Hok-leung	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Ms TSANG So-lai	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:00 pm)
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	(2:35 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Mr WONG Hok-lai	"	(2:44 pm)	(5:51 pm)
Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	"	(2:35 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Mr WONG Yue-hon	"	(2:35 pm)	(5:48 pm)
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	(2:41 pm)	(4:02 pm)
Mr YIU Ka-chun	"	(2:42 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Ms YUE Shin-man	"	(2:30 pm)	(4:21 pm)
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	(2:35 pm)	(5:54 pm)
Ms LUK Tsz-sum, Ada (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) 2 / Sha Tin District Office		

In Attendance

Ms LO Ho-yee

Ms HUANG Shon-yoong, Sylvia

Ms LEE Yuk-kit, Glendy

Miss CHAN Siu-kin, Ester

Miss TSANG Mei-ying, May

Miss 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

Mr WONG Tin-pui, Simon

Ms CHENG Yuen-yi, Janny

Miss CHUNG Yuk-fong, Shirley

Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina

Mr CHEUNG Hang-yiu, Galax

Miss CHAU Po-chu, Sharon

Ms LEE Fung-yee

Mr TSANG Kwong-fook

Ms LO Lai-fong, Jackie

Mr CHAN Siu-tai, Andrew

Ms POON Yee-fong

Ms CHAN Sum-yee

Mr Peter ROICHANDANI

Ms LO Sze-man

Mr CHAN Wai-yip

Title

Senior Community Relations Officer /

Independent Commission Against Corruption

Social Work Officer, Sha Tin District Planning &
Coordinating Team / 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

Assistant District Officer / Sha Tin District Office

Senior Executive Officer (District Management) /

Sha Tin District Office

Chief Executive Officer (Planning) 2 /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 1 /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Executive Officer (Planning) 1/2 /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Librarian (Planning & Development) /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Librarian (Processing) 2 /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Engineer / Ma On Shan / Transport Department

District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Acting Liaison Officer i/c (YP) /

Sha Tin District Office

Executive Assistant (District Council) 4 /

Sha Tin District Office

Liaison Officer i/c (East) 2 / Sha Tin District Office

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

Chief Health Inspector (2) /

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Senior Health Inspector (Hawker) (Sha Tin) /

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Absent

Mr CHAN Nok-hang
 Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin
 Mr YIP Wing

Title

DC Member (Application for leave of absence received)
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 ” (”)

Action

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

Application for Leave of Absence

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

Mr CHAN Nok-hang	Sickness
Mr YIP Wing	”
Mr Alvin LEE	Official commitment

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

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 31 August 2017

(CSCDC Minutes 4/2017)

4. Members confirmed the above minutes unanimously.

Discussion Items**Proposed Facilities of Sports Centre at Ma On Shan Area 103**

(Paper No. CSCD 66/2017)

5. Ms Selina LEUNG, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 1 of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), made a brief introduction.

6. The views of Mr MAK Yun-pui were summarised below:

- (a) the residents in Ma On Shan looked forward to having a heated swimming pool and sports facilities in the area. In addition, while having a population of 200 000 and a large number of housing estates, the area had no public markets. He enquired whether the LCSD would consider building a two-storey market that consisted of one floor for wet goods and another one for dry goods, or even a cooked food market as well. With many members expecting a market, the Food and Environment Hygiene Department (FEHD) should send representatives to the meeting to respond why it had no plan to construct such facilities;
- (b) the illegal parking problem involving private vehicles and large coaches was serious in the area, but the authority had not dealt with the problem. In view of a serious shortage of parking spaces for motorcycles and private vehicles in the area, he hoped that the LCSD could provide the number of the parking

spaces for motorcycles and private vehicles in the proposed car park, so that members would have sufficient and clear data for research and processing;

- (c) one floor of the eight-storey building would be used to set up a centralised new book processing centre (new book centre). He enquired the reason for locating the new book centre at the long-sought Ma On Shan facilities and taking up community resources;
- (d) it would be preferable if members expressed their views at the Council directly; and
- (e) generally speaking, he agreed to the construction of recreational and sport facilities at this location, but amendments should be made to the construction to include a market and motorcycle parking spaces.

7. The views of Mr LI Sai-wing were summarised below:

- (a) Ma On Shan now had an opportunity to construct a market or even a bazaar and a cooked food centre, which were exactly in line with the general orientation of policies of the current Government, but government departments did not seem to align with this general orientation in their policy implementation. He hoped that the LCSD could implement the plan with the FEHD actively and respond to the appeal of the community, namely to build a market and a cooked food centre at Area 103;
- (b) parking spaces were insufficient in Sha Tin and Ma On Shan. The proposed site was currently a temporary car park. He was pleased to know that the car park the LCSD intended to construct would hopefully make up the number of parking spaces of the existing temporary car park;
- (c) he enquired the purpose of the new book centre mentioned in the paper, and whether it was genuinely needed by residents in the area, and if not, whether the LCSD had wasted this precious land lot. As the new book centre did not seem to be the facility most urgently needed by residents, in view of limited land resources, the Government could adopt alternative practices, such as providing readers with online trial reading of new books to seek their views before deciding whether procurement should be made or not. This would avoid the waste of land resources. He had reservations on the facility;
- (d) given the increasing number of children in Ma On Shan, children facilities were in short supply. Many parents hoped to have an indoor children balance bike riding area set up, so that children could enjoy indoor facilities on rainy days and a pleasant time with their parents on holidays.
- (e) he had views on the facilities proposed by the LCSD and would put forward a provisional motion; and

- (f) he hoped that the Transport Department (TD) could open Ma On Shan Road to enable vehicles from Yiu On Estate towards TWGHs Wong Fung Ling College to turn right into On Luk Street, i.e. the future location of Area 103, for the convenience of drivers.

8. The views of Mr James CHAN were summarised below:

- (a) residents in Ma On Shan had long been expecting a public market as many of those living in estates had to take a ride to nearby estates for shopping. Most of the commercial tenants suffered rent increase imposed by Link Asset Management Limited and resulted in constant rise in consumer prices in the markets that everyone hoped a public market could be built at Area 103. Besides, as the existing markets were overcrowded, residents hoped that the LCSD could build a new one;
- (b) residents hoped to have a heated swimming pool in the area to replace the existing Ma On Shan Swimming Pool. However, the heated swimming pools to be constructed were a small training pool, a teaching pool and a Jacuzzi pool. Maintaining a consistent level of indoor temperature for heated swimming pools in winter would result in high electricity tariffs. In addition, a water depth of 1.4 metres (m) would be appropriate for training pool and teaching pool to be used for training purpose; and
- (c) earlier, he had bought a monthly swimming ticket for an elderly person. However, a notice was posted at the gate of the swimming pool later, saying that the swimming pool would be closed for 15 days and 4 days respectively for swimming gala and cleaning purposes. As a result, for a monthly ticket valid for 30 days, only 11 days was the swimming pool opened to the ticket holders, which upset the residents.

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

- (a) he enquired whether the views collected from members had been relayed to the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD). As no representative from the ArchSD present at the meeting, he enquired whether members' views would be relayed to the ArchSD via a summary of the minutes only, and what the ArchSD would do if the views collected were different;
- (b) all facilities expected to be constructed had now been included in this complex for synergy effect, without taking into account the fact that there had already been a swimming pool in Ma On Shan. Rather than constructing a heated swimming pool in the new sports centre, it would be better to add this facility to the existing swimming pool, with a view to making good use of the plot ratio of the sports centre, adding other sports facilities and optimising the manning at the same time;

- (c) He enquired whether it was unfair that Ma On Shan, with a population of 200 000, to have three and a half community halls/centres (including the community centres at Heng On Estate, Lee On and Yiu On) after the completion of the new community hall, while Sha Tin, with a population of 400 000, had 11 community halls/centres;
- (d) he enquired the number of parking spaces to be constructed at the proposed car park after demolishing the temporary car park. If vehicles had to be parked on the street due to insufficient parking spaces, the authority would be unable to solve the problem of illegal parking;
- (e) the new book centre covered a total area of 4 000 square metres (m²) throughout Hong Kong, but public libraries in Ma On Shan covered only 2,200 m². The LCSD failed to increase the gross floor area of Ma On Shan Public Library through constructing the facilities in the sports centre at Area 103. He had considered relocating the new library into the new building and changing the site of the existing library into a heated swimming pool. Although this arrangement would delay the completion of the heated swimming pool, the floor area of public libraries in Ma On Shan would increase by 700 m²; and
- (f) the footbridge system of Sunshine City could be utilised for the footbridge linked to the proposed facilities. The footbridge link would start from Sunshine City to the working site directly along Ma On Shan Road.

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

- (a) he hoped that the construction of sports centre facilities in Area 103 and Area 111 could be commenced as soon as possible to allow early use by the residents. He also hoped that the authority could construct more sports centres and community facilities such as markets and bazaars in the area;
- (b) he appreciated that the LCSD proposed to build an additional heated swimming pool and car park facilities in response to public views, but he enquired whether there were any technical and safety considerations for not adding the heated swimming pool to the existing swimming pool. Otherwise, he opined that consolidation of swimming facilities would be preferred;
- (c) given the desperate shortage of parking spaces in the area for various types of vehicles, many residents were concerned about the problem of insufficient parking spaces. He enquired the number of parking spaces in the temporary car park, and whether the authority could advise the number of parking spaces to be provided on the ground floor and the basement of the proposed facilities. He was pleased to know that the LCSD had promised that the number of parking spaces in the future would be not fewer than the existing number where possible, but he hoped that more parking spaces could be available;
- (d) the residents had been striving for the construction of a public market. He agreed on Mr MAK Yun-pui's suggestion to have one floor for dry goods and

another one for wet goods in the facilities. If there were available space, the LCSD should consider allowing characteristic local food to be sold at Ma On Shan markets, cooked food centres or food markets;

- (e) he did not oppose to the idea of setting up a new book centre, but its construction at Area 103. Since land resources were very precious, if the land concerned was to be used as back office of departments, it might not benefit the residents in Ma On Shan. And the construction of such facilities in some remote area in Hong Kong could serve the same purpose. He hoped that the LCSD would consider locating the new book centre at another place. Besides, he enquired the LCSD whether it could provide information on the location of the new book centre and its number of books at present, and he would also like to confirm that the construction of the new book centre would not affect the existing library and new book services;
- (f) he believed that the LCSD had made full use of the eight-storey plot ratio and opined that the LCSD might consider applying for permission to the Town Planning Board (TPB) for construction of two more storeys;
- (g) during the course of construction, it would also be important for the LCSD to take architectural features and environmental protection into account; and
- (h) the LCSD might consult public opinions extensively before constructing the sports centre at Area 111 and Pak Shek sports park in the future.

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

- (a) he welcomed the new facilities available to residents in the area. As the paper mentioned that the building was limited to be eight-storey high, he enquired about the arrangement for the facilities to be constructed based on the existing project, whether it could make good use of space, and whether there was room for underground development;
- (b) he enquired the number of parking spaces to be provided in the car park concerned, as the users in the area were concerned that there would be a shortage of parking spaces in the future. He also enquired whether ancillary transport facilities would be available after the completion of the facilities to provide residents with convenient access to this venue, or footbridge connecting to the building. And whether traffic congestion would be caused in the vicinity if residents drive their way there;
- (c) he said that the establishment of a cooked food centre or market was the aspiration of many residents, the LCSD should explain the establishment of the new book centre at the site in detail; and
- (d) Tai Wai had a population of more than 200 000 and yet no facilities such as

library or new market had been provided so far. He enquired whether the LCSD would consider providing residents in Tai Wai with such facilities. It was unfair that residents in Tai Wai had to go to Sha Tin or Ma On Shan to use such facilities.

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

- (a) he opined that the LCSD could take up the frontline work in relation to youth policies. Currently, the LCSD had many management policies, for example, there were many limitations on sport games. He hoped that the LCSD could be more open-minded in their management to attract active youth participation;
- (b) the proposed sports centre was equipped with no new highlights but traditional facilities. It should include some alternative sports facilities such as rock climbing and steeple chase to cater for the needs of the youths;
- (c) the multipurpose arena was designed to host too many types of sport that the lines marked on the ground would easily cause confusions in games. Moreover, manpower would be wasted on changing the purpose of the arena. Therefore, he requested the LCSD to consider whether it was necessary to combine so many purposes into one arena;
- (d) the size of the heated swimming pool concerned was 25 m by 25 m, which was ideal for swimming practice. For the water depth, there was no significant difference between 1.3 m and 1.5 m. As the water temperature of a heated swimming pool in general would be higher than the surface temperature of the swimming pool, he believed that the LCSD's proposal was feasible;
- (e) as the youths might not be interested in participating in traditional sports, he suggested that preference should not be given to fitness equipments, and such equipments could be placed in schools so that there would be more space for other sports facilities; and
- (f) the LCSD might consider providing archery facilities at the indoor sports ground.

13. The views of Mr CHENG Tsuk-man were summarised below:

- (a) he welcomed the construction of heated swimming pool in Ma On Shan, and opined that it was somewhat wasteful to construct a building of eight storeys only on the precious land in Ma On Shan. He enquired the LCSD whether it could reconsider ways to optimise the use of resources;
- (b) he enquired the LCSD the rationale adopted for determining the proposed facilities for the sports centre, and whether it had surveyed the residents on the capability of the proposed facilities meeting their needs before making the decision, rather than planning with reference to the existing facilities of other

sports centres as such practice was out-dated;

- (c) given the fairly fast growth of children population in Ma On Shan, he wanted to know the floor area of the children's playroom, whether sufficient facilities were available for children in the playroom, and whether similar types of children's playground could be found in other sports centres in Ma On Shan; and
- (d) many residents in Ma On Shan enjoy fitness exercises, but some complained about the shortage of fitness facilities in the area. He enquired about the floor area of the proposed fitness room and the number of fitness facilities to be provided.

14. The views of Ms TSANG So-lai were summarised below:

- (a) she had reservations on the construction of the new book centre. Ma On Shan had a population of more than 200 000, but the community facilities were insufficient. As the sports centre at Area 103 was located in the downtown area of Ma On Shan, she asked whether the internal facilities of departments could be constructed elsewhere, so that the land would be available for residents' use;
- (b) she suggested that the upper floors of the sports centre could be utilised for retrofitting indoor jogging tracks, so that residents could still jog in bad weather, which would certainly benefit the public. Jogging tracks were proper utilisation of land resources as they did not take up space; and
- (c) she hoped that the LCSD would consider building a public market on that land to reduce the burden of other markets as well as to make the prices of goods more competitive as a whole.

15. The views of Ms CHAN Man-kuen were summarised below:

- (a) she wanted to know the layout of facilities of the entire project and the timetable for the development of the works;
- (b) climbing walls at other sports centres were very popular with young people. She hoped that the LCSD would consider including such facility into the proposed ones;
- (c) the problems of illegal parking and shortage of parking spaces existed throughout the area. She wanted to know the number of parking spaces in the proposed car park and the preliminary information on its layout;
- (d) she asked whether the authority had considered constructing a footbridge to connect the building to adjacent large shopping malls or estates, so that residents could reach the sports centre without walking on the ground and be

sheltered from the sun and rain; and

- (e) some users complained that the number of toilet compartments in the library and sports centre in Yuen Chau Kok Complex were seriously insufficient, especially for the sports centre which needed some more toilet compartments. It would be highly inadequate if the number of toilet compartments in the sports centre was the same as that of Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre, and she opined that the number of toilet compartments in the proposed sports centre should be increased.

16. The views of Mr Tiger WONG were summarised below:

- (a) the proposed building should not exceed eight storeys or application for permission must be made to the TPB. He hoped that the LCSD could collect more views on whether additional floors were needed;
- (b) the fitness room at Yuen Chau Kok was elegantly designed and well received by the people. He enquired whether the LCSD would improve the design of the new facilities with reference to the problems encountered at Yuen Chau Kok;
- (c) As the location of the new car park was originally a temporary car park, he enquired whether the new one would provide the same, or even more number of parking spaces as that of the existing temporary car park; and
- (d) he enquired whether the parking fee of the car park to be built would follow that of the market level, and not to raise the charge upon the third hour of parking.

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

- (a) in principle, he did not agree to the addition of non-sports facilities in a sports centre. Therefore, he had reservations on the proposal to set up a new book centre in the sports centre. The new book centre and the sports centre seemed disharmonious as the former static while the later was dynamic. A sports centre, as its name implied, should be related to leisure, sports and physical education, facilities of other nature should not be included in it;
- (b) it would be more appropriate to add the heated swimming pool to the swimming pool complex, yet it was subjected to the compatibility of the existing swimming pool complex. He opined that the retrofitting of water heating facilities to the existing swimming pool facilities should be further considered; and
- (c) he had once suggested the construction of an indoor ice-skating rink at a meeting of the Committee, but he did not know whether the suggestion had been included in the plan of Area 103. He pointed out that even though the

suggestion was raised rather late, it could still be considered as an item for reconsideration, which was better than adding a new book centre.

18. The views of Mr NG Kam-hung were summarised below:

- (a) item 6(a) of the proposed facilities was consisted of ordinary facilities of the LCSD such as soccer pitches, basketball courts, volleyball courts and badminton courts. He enquired the reasons for not constructing playgrounds that were in line with the trends (such as skateboard grounds, archery ranges and billiard facilities) and ice-skating rink for sports within the categories of Olympic Games or Asian Games in the new facility. The authority might also construct climbing walls to promote new sports instead of focusing on traditional facilities. He hoped that the LCSD could take this into consideration;
- (b) it was enormous to have a spectator stand with a capacity of 500 to 700 persons, and the spectator stand might not be full for non-competing activity. He opined that this would be somewhat a waste of space; and
- (c) he did not understand why a new book centre was to be established inside a sports centre. He enquired the number of books to be processed by the centre and the floor area of the centre. He also enquired whether the construction of this project was limited to eight storeys based on the existing conditions. He said that if there was the need to construct more storeys, members would not oppose to submit an application for permission to the TPB.

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

- (a) the retrofitting of a heated swimming pool at Area 103 was to cater for the appeal of the area in the past. Excavation of two more levels of basement would more preferable than construction of more storeys above the ground. He enquired whether application to the TPB was required for such construction;
- (b) he opined that the project of the new sports centre followed the model adopted by the Regional Council in the past and lacked novelty. He enquired whether Pak Shek sports park could complement with Ma On Shan Park, take a new perspective to achieve underground connections and develop a triangular area including Pak Shek sports park and Ma On Shan Park. In order to align with new trends, the authority should construct facilities which were more forward-looking and more desperately needed by residents, such as skating rinks and bowling alleys, so that the precious land could serve the most appropriate purposes;
- (c) the LCSD had cooperated with the FEHD and the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) in the past. He enquired whether different departments could cooperate to construct a complex to cater for the future development in the new era, and consider the facilities needed in a forward-looking manner and in response to the community needs;

- (d) he had reservations on the construction of the new book centre; and
- (e) he hoped that the LCSD could list the capacity of the upper and lower levels of the spectator stand respectively in the future.

20. Ms TUNG Kin-lei said that she was thankful for the LCSD accepting the suggestion to construct a heated swimming pool at Area 103. However, the problems of having no libraries in Tai Wai and no public markets in Ma On Shan had persisted for over 20 years. As a result, residents' quality of life had not been improved. She hoped that the LCSD could adopt innovative thinking and consider solving the problem of insufficient ancillary facilities for residents through interdepartmental collaboration. She urged the authority and the LCSD to consider constructing complexes in Ma On Shan and Tai Wai through interdepartmental collaboration.

21. The views of Mr PUN Kwok-shan were summarised below:

- (a) the approach of "single site, multiple use" was relatively more acceptable to and supported by all;
- (b) there was a serious shortage of parking spaces throughout Ma On Shan area. When planning public car parks, the opening of car parking spaces in government buildings to the public during after office hours could also be considered;
- (c) when planning the proposed facilities, reference could be made to the arrangements of Yuen Chau Kok Complex in Area 14B, e.g., wireless Internet access, telephone network and vehicular access. And whether the new book centre would cause an increase in vehicular traffic should also be considered. He wanted to know the number of books and audio-visual products the new book centre could process per year. As this centre appeared to be a logistic centre, he was concerned whether vehicular traffic would increase as a result; and
- (d) he supported the inclusion of activity venues that fit young people, and hoped that an overall green building plan would be devised for Area 103.

22. The views of Mr WONG Hok-lai were summarised below:

- (a) he enquired the expected time required for the construction of the new sports centre, and the reason the new sports centre could not be aligned with other sports centres of the LCSD in providing an all-weather athletic track. In addition, the high utility rate of fitness rooms was attributable to people's need for equipment for aerobic exercises. Users of fitness room would be diverted if an all-weather athletic track was provided. As other sports centres already had such facility, he enquired whether the LCSD would consider providing one in this new sports centre;

- (b) he enquired whether a wider range of equipment could be provided in this new sports centre;
- (c) he enquired about the arrangements of the heated swimming pool in summer, and whether it would be turned into a thermostatic swimming pool;
- (d) he enquired whether the LCSD had a existing new book centre and its location, and whether it was necessary to relocate the new book centre to the complex to be built in Ma On Shan. Besides, he enquired about the area the new book centre took and the number of seats available to residents for reading; and
- (e) the new facilities were a good thing for residents in Sha Tin, but there were no libraries in Tai Wai or any plan to construct one for a long time. He hoped that the LCSD could construct leisure and cultural facilities for residents in Tai Wai.

23. Ms Scarlett PONG said that the residents in Fo Tan also looked forward to the completion of the new sports facilities. As mentioned in the Policy Address, new and open thinking should be adopted and facilities needed, such as balance bike riding area and bowling alley, should be constructed following the trend. There were facilities waited to be constructed in Fo Tan that were left by the former Regional Council. Residents in Fo Tan had been expecting the construction of these facilities for more than ten years. She hoped that the authority could construct the leisure and cultural facilities as soon as possible in order to keep up with trends.

24. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he thanked the LCSD for listening to the long-standing appeals of the Council and residents and promising to construct a heated swimming pool. He said that he supported the construction of the sports centre at Area 103 in principle. The sports centre was to be located in the downtown area of Ma On Shan, while in the vicinity of On Tai area, Kam Tai Court, Chevalier Garden and Yan On, there had long been a lack of sports centres and community halls. He hoped that the LCSD could take the needs of different areas into consideration when planning in the future;
- (b) he agreed with members' views, including the suggestion of providing more parking spaces to solve the long-standing shortage of parking spaces in Ma On Shan area. He also hoped that the LCSD would consider adding a market, a cooked food centre, a children balance bike riding area and a footbridge to the sports centre, and review the need for the construction of the new book centre; and
- (c) according to the paper, the site area was 7 000 m² and the new sports centre would be an eight-storey building. He enquired whether the LCSD could

provide the gross floor area of the prospective building.

25. Ms Shirley CHUNG, Chief Executive Officer (Planning) 2 of the LCSD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the LCSD had considered constructing novel facilities such as skating rink, archery range and skateboard ground, but all these facilities encountered the problem of space constraint. As a skating rink required the installation of an ice producing facility with certain thickness on the level below, it would take up the space for the swimming pool. Regarding the swimming pool, as the water heating facility and chlorine had to be placed underground inaccessible to the public, there was not enough room for a skating rink. This facility as well as other grounds for extreme sports could be considered in the planning of Pak Shek sports park;
- (b) it would be more suitable to build archery range and skateboard ground outdoors. If a skateboard ground was to be built in the new sports centre, higher storey height would be required that other sports facilities had to be given up. Besides, residents usually preferred outdoor archery range, and an indoor one would be subject to site limitations;
- (c) the balance bike riding area was a children facility that should be located indoors or where vehicles could not access due to safety consideration. It would also affect the layout of every other facility that the LCSD needed to exercise prudence in their consideration on the matter;
- (d) regarding the suggestion on the provision of indoor jogging tracks and climbing walls, climbing walls were relatively easy to build as they were usually built outdoors, without taking up indoor space. However, instructors must be present on site to provide assistance to users. The LCSD needed to further study on the matter;
- (e) the car park would include parking spaces for motorcycles. The LCSD hoped that the new car park would be able to accommodate the number of vehicles parked at the existing temporary car park, and then the LCSD would consider the possibility of providing additional parking spaces. The car park currently planned to take up one floor in the basement and one on the ground. Due to high cost of excavation and consultation with ArchSD required on the underground works, the car park could not be developed wholly underground;
- (f) the ArchSD would assess the traffic impact during the technical feasibility study to see whether the car park would pose pressure on the traffic in the vicinity;
- (g) regarding the construction time, as the LCSD had not yet finalised the facilities to be constructed, the ArchSD could only provide information on the time required for the construction of similar facilities in the past for reference. If

everything went well, it would require approximately four years from the commencement to completion of construction. While the time of commencement depended on the time when funding could be obtained from the Legislative Council. The LCSD needed to finalise the design before applying for funding, and the design had to take into account the opinions of residents in the vicinity as well as determining all facilities to be constructed;

- (h) the construction of footbridge depended on the location of connection. As the sports centre would be closed at night, the footbridge would then be unavailable that the LCSD needed to study in detail;
- (i) the LCSD had worked with the ArchSD to study the feasibility of converting the existing swimming pool into a heated one a few years ago. However, as the water heating facility was bulky, the existing swimming pool had to be demolished and reconstructed. And for environmental protection reasons, the Audit Commission did not encourage the construction of outdoor heated swimming pools as their heat dissipation was relatively fast. Therefore, the LCSD considered the construction of a heated swimming pool in the new sports centre other than rebuilding the existing Ma On Shan Swimming Pool, so as to avoid causing inconvenience to residents with the closure for construction. The depth of this heated swimming pool of 25 m by 25 m was 1.2 m to 1.4 m, consistent with usual swimming pools for training;
- (j) the floor area of children's playrooms would not be too small in general. Themed designs would also be adopted for the playroom so as to make it attractive to children;
- (k) fitness rooms were set up in sports centres in recent years, not only did they provide residents with convenience, but also serve as a place for athletics to do warming up exercises;
- (l) regarding the establishment of the new book centre, the LCSD hoped to have a place to process books in a centralised manner as the number of books procured had been increasing since the completion of quite some libraries in recent years. In addition to taking up the responsibility to procure new books, the new book centre could facilitate the delivery of books processed. New books could be made available to the public expeditiously through the proposed new book express station and the LCSD could also gather feedbacks from readers there. With convenient access, the new book centre could accelerate books delivery;
- (m) the Planning Department (PlanD) restricted the height of the building to eight storeys. Regarding the layout of facilities, swimming pools were usually located on the ground floor because of their considerable weight of water. And the chlorine and the water heating facilities of the swimming pool had to be placed on the lower level that was inaccessible to the public. Besides, the community hall needed to be located close to the ground floor. In respect of the additional facilities requested by members, the LCSD needed to work with

the ArchSD to carry out detailed study on the layout of facilities; and

- (n) at the beginning of the planning of facilities, the LCSD had discussed with the FEHD on the inclusion of a market and a cooked food centre. The FEHD responded that there was no plan to construct such facilities at this location. However, the LCSD would further discuss with the FEHD if members intended to continue seeking these facilities.

26. Miss Sharon CHAU, Senior Librarian (Planning & Development) of the LCSD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the new book centre was a new idea. The existing facilities related to book procurement, cataloguing and distribution scattered at different locations in Hong Kong, with a total area of approximately 4 000 m². The Technical Processing Unit was located in Sheung Wan, while subsequent work such as book processing, classification and distribution were situated in a number of different locations. In view of this, the LCSD hoped to establish a new book centre within the project plan for the sports centre at Ma On Shan Area 103 to handle a series of processes in a centralised manner, so as to increase efficacy and cost efficiency. The LCSD hoped that books could be distributed to each library for use by readers expeditious after the completion of relevant processing works. If the new book centre was situated in a remote location, the pace of introducing new books would be hindered, and the cost and service efficiency would be adversely affected;
- (b) the new book express station was also a new idea that only new books would be kept there. The LCSD hoped that the Station would allow residents to have convenient access to new books procured by the library and seats would be provided for readers as well. On the other hand, the establishment of the new book express station would not affect the pace and quantity of books received by other districts; and
- (c) library procured approximately 800 000 new books per year.

27. Ms Selina LEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the site area was 7 000 m², while the height of the new sports centre was limited to eight storeys. The LCSD needed to discuss with the ArchSD on the floor area of the facilities;
- (b) the LCSD had made preliminary contacts with the PlanD. According to the Approved Ma On Shan Outline Zoning Plan, the building on the land was limited to eight storeys and for “Government, Institution or Community” use only. Application must be made to the TPB if the number of storeys was to be increased. The proposed facilities were compliant with the height restriction of the building. In respect of the additional facilities suggested by members,

the LCSD needed to work with the ArchSD to study the matter; and

- (c) the outcome of constructing a car park on the ground level might not be satisfactory. The height restriction and arrangement of vehicular access should also be considered if a car park was to be developed on higher levels.

28. Ms Jackie LO, District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) of the LCSD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the LCSD would refer to the usage data of similar facilities in Sha Tin when constructing new sports facilities. Therefore, the facilities included in the sports centre at Area 103, such as the fitness room and the multipurpose arena which was suitable for various ball games, were fairly popular and of relatively high utilisation rates;
- (b) currently there were ten American pool facilities under the purview of the LCSD and one of them was located at the Sha Tin Jockey Club Public Squash Courts in Sha Tin. Given the relatively low utilisation rate of this facility, there was no need to provide more of it for the time being;
- (c) as users were required to hold certificate issued by the relevant National Sports Association, the number of users of climbing walls was limited. The utilisation rate of the climbing walls at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre was below 50%. Nevertheless, the LCSD would continue to review and consider the need for the construction of climbing walls;
- (d) the suggestion to construct an indoor archery range inside the sports centre would be recorded, and the LCSD would study the feasibility in future planning of new facilities;
- (e) if an all-weather athletic track was provided on the second floor of the multipurpose activities room (i.e. the arena), the number of spectator seats would be reduced accordingly. Nevertheless, the LCSD would consider the feasibility of adding a jogging track; and
- (f) the indoor swimming pool would cease to supply warm water from 1 April to 31 October and provide warm water from 1 November to 31 March every year.

29. Mr TSANG Kwong-fook, Engineer / Ma On Shan of the TD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) regarding whether a right-turn lane from Ma On Shan Road to On Luk Street would be allowed in response to the new development, as traffic impact assessment was to be conducted on the development of this project, in response to members' suggestions, the TD would request the traffic consultants of the

ArchSD to conduct a study to assess whether the traffic flow brought by the new development would require the allowance of right-turning at this crossing; and

- (b) in respect of the number of parking spaces of the existing temporary car park, he would provide the relevant member with the exact figure after the meeting as he did not have it on hand.

(Post-meeting note: the TD had provided the relevant member with the figure concerned after the meeting.)

30. The Chairman asked members whether they agreed to discuss the provisional motion proposed by Mr LI Sai-wing.

31. Members agreed to discuss the provisional motion put forward by Mr LI Sai-wing.

32. Mr LI Sai-wing put forward the following provisional motion:

“The Culture, Sports & Community Development Committee of Sha Tin District Council agrees in principle to the construction of the sports centre at Ma On Shan Area 103 by the LCSD. However, in respect of the proposed facilities, the Committee requests the authority to consider the inclusion of facilities the community needed, such as a public market, a cooked food centre and a children balance bike riding area, and ensure the provision of sufficient public parking spaces so as to make up for the number of parking spaces at the existing temporary car park at the above site. The Committee also requests the authority to have a better understanding on the local demand for a centralised new book processing centre in the area and conduct an extensive consultation before presenting the proposal to the Committee for consideration.”

Mr Victor LEUNG seconded the motion.

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

- (a) regarding “to have a better understanding on the local demand for a centralised new book processing centre in the area”, he opined that given the preciousness of the proposed site, the construction of the new book centre at this location would be inappropriate and a public market and a cooked food centre should be constructed instead;
- (b) with reference to the existing courier service in the market, he disagreed that the efficiency of introducing new books would be affected if the new book centre was established in a remote area;

- (c) a considerable area would be occupied by the new book centre. The authority could consider setting up the new book centre in an industrial building;
- (d) he asked Mr LI Sai-wing to take into account that whether the Council would consider opposing to the construction of the new book centre, as a backup facility, in this important location of Ma On Shan; and
- (e) he agreed to the use of the words “support in principle” as the Council should also hold a stance. He opined that the procedures required for the exclusion of the new book centre and the inclusion of a public market and a cooked food centre to the proposed facilities would not take too long.

34. The views of Mr MAK Yun-pui were summarised below:

- (a) he enquired Mr LI Sai-wing whether he said that he needed to know more about the new book centre in his first speech, but then indicated his opposition to the construction of this facility in his second speech;
- (b) With a population of 200 000, Ma On Shan lacked markets as its ancillary facilities, yet one floor of the long-awaited complex would be allocated for a new book centre instead even though there was no urgent need for the new books introduction. He requested the mover to consider revising the motion by deleting “to have a better understanding on the local demand for a centralised new book processing centre in the area”; and
- (c) although the development of the complex would require years, it was possible that it might not take too long. Residents would not mind waiting some more time as the facilities would be used by them directly. The New Book Espresso Station, which served to introduce new books, could be replaced by new book reading corner set up in each public library. As residents had long been expecting the complex, it should not be delayed by minor issues. He hoped that the LCSD could consider this matter and the mover could modify his motion.

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

- (a) he enquired which department “the authority” in the paper referred to. If a public market was to be included, it should be clarified as to which department would deal with this project. He enquired whether the LCSD should continue proceeding if the Food and Health Bureau and the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) failed to reach an agreement and the Committee only “agreed in principle”;
- (b) the new book centre occupied an area of 4 000 m², while the LCSD had not considered the area of the existing library in Ma On Shan and residents’ needs. If all the facilities proposed by members were to be placed in Area 111, he

enquired when the design for Area 111 could begin;

- (c) the paper did not contain sufficient information to elaborate the justifications for the LCSD to select the proposed facilities. The LCSD should review the leisure and cultural facilities in Sha Tin and Ma On Shan area, and provide members with relevant information for reference; and
- (d) if members expressed support in principle, after receipt of the views of members, the LCSD should also advise members how it would adjust the facilities in the sports centre at Area 103, such as the number of buildings, the floor plan and floor area, etc. He requested Mr LI Sai-wing to revise the provisional motion.

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

- (a) “the authority” could be changed to “the Government”;
- (b) even if the construction of the new book centre was cancelled, there might not be sufficient room to accommodate the facilities, such as a market, a cooked food centre and a car park, that the residents expected. Each member hoped that this project could be finalised as soon as possible. By agreeing to this motion today, members supported this project in principle. After receiving the support from the Sha Tin District Council (STDC), the LCSD would communicate with relevant departments on the facilities to be added. Therefore, the wording “the demand for a centralised new book processing centre” was used. He opined that there was no need to stop the construction of this facility immediately at this stage. As a few days of discussion might not allow a full understanding on whether residents opposed to the construction of this facility or not. Perhaps there were residents supporting the construction of such facility for their interest in reading. The new book centre might not be a bad thing if its inclusion could accelerate the completion of the whole complex. , The plan would have to be considered by the STDC after consultation on the appeal to include a market, a cooked food centre and parking spaces was conducted. Therefore, he supported this provisional motion; and
- (c) according to the Government’s procedures, the LCSD needed time to liaise relevant departments to explore the feasibility of the addition of the proposed facilities, and this might take a few years. He opined that if they “agreed in principle”, the LCSD could commence the construction of the sports centre and include the facilities to be added during the process. Such arrangement could enhance efficiency or the completion of the sports centre would be delayed.

37. The views of Mr TING Tsz-yuen were summarised below:

- (a) he said that he agreed to this provisional motion, but he opined that the STDC should take a stance and request the addition of facilities such as a public market, a cooked food centre and a children balance bike riding area. In respect of the new book centre, he agreed that extensive consultation should be conducted before the matter was presented to the Committee for consideration. Therefore, it was not to “agree in principle”, but to “urge the authority to include a public market and a cooked food centre in the sports centre at Ma On Shan”, etc. He hoped that Mr LI Sai-wing would consider this; and
- (b) the construction of facilities should keep pace with the times, and a public market should be included to meet the local demand. As residents had long been expecting such facility, they would not mind taking some more time to conduct a review. Therefore, he hoped that the STDC would take a tougher stance.

38. Mr James CHAN said that the provisional motion should be withdrawn without the need for argument. He opined that it was unnecessary to construct the highly controversial new book centre and it was a waste of time for such discussion. It would be sufficient to simply include the public market, the heated swimming pool and the car park into the project.

39. Mr LI Sai-wing gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) he said that he expressed his reservations on the construction of the new book centre in his first round of speech, but after knowing its enormous floor area, he expressed his personal opposition in the second round of speech. By including this facility in the provisional motion, he hoped that extensive consultation could be conducted to find out whether the community needed this facility. He also said that he accepted the member’s suggestion that the STDC should take a tougher stance, and needed a few minutes to revise the provisional motion; and
- (b) he suggested not to mention the new book centre in the provisional motion.

40. The Chairman announced the suspension of the meeting for five minutes.

(A suspension of the meeting for five minutes)

41. Mr LI Sai-wing revised his provisional motion as follows:

“The Culture, Sports & Community Development Committee of Sha Tin District Council requests the Government to provide facilities the community needed, such as a public market, a cooked food centre and a children balance bike riding area, when constructing the sports centre at Ma On Shan Area 103, to ensure a sufficient

provision of public parking spaces so as to make up for the number of parking spaces at the existing temporary car park at the above site, and to review the local demand for a library and a centralised new book processing centre before presenting it to the Committee for consideration.”

Mr TING Tsz-yuen seconded the motion.

42. Mr WAI Hing-cheung asked whether the word “insufficient” should be inserted in “make up for the number of parking spaces at the existing temporary car park at the above site”.

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

- (a) he enquired whether “the local demand for a library and a centralised new book processing centre” should be “the local demand for a centralised new book processing centre of a library” or it would mean reviewing the local demand for a library. He opined that the word “and” should be deleted; and
- (b) he opined that the inclusion of a library should be no problem as the complex had included a public market and a cooked food centre.

44. Mr Michael YUNG said that there were two Outline Zoning Plans for Sha Tin District, one for Sha Tin and one for Ma On Shan area. As the new book centre was located in Ma On Shan, the “local” was referring to Ma On Shan. There was a public library in Ma On Shan, but its study rooms and interior facilities were insufficient. He enquired whether the LCSD would review the library facility in Ma On Shan when considering the establishment of the new book centre.

45. Mr LI Sai-wing said that he was referring to the new book centre of 4 000 m² mentioned in the paper rather than the library, and the word “and” could be deleted from the revised motion. Besides, subject to members’ views, “Ma On Shan” could be inserted in the motion.

46. Mr HO Hau-cheung said that he appreciated Mr Michael YUNG’s knowledge on the library, but the inclusion of the review on a library would complicate the issue. The new book centre of 4 000 m² should have been established in the Central Library, yet it had not been established there so far due to technical problems and therefore the LCSD planned to establish it at Area 103. If the establishment of the new book centre would take up facilities urgently needed by residents, he would also oppose it. He opined that prudence should be exercised when considering whether or not to establish it at Area 103. There would be much room at the Central Library after its conversion works that there was no need to mention a library in this motion.

47. Mr LI Sai-wing revised his provisional motion as follows:

“The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the Government to include facilities such as a public market, a cooked food centre and a children’s balance bike cycling ground in the ‘Sports Centre at Ma On Shan Area 103’ project to address the community’s needs. Meanwhile, the Committee requests that sufficient public car parking spaces be provided to make up the inadequate supply of existing car parking spaces in the temporary car park at the site. In addition, the Government should review the demand for a new library items central processing centre in Ma On Shan District before submitting the result to the Committee for discussion.”

Mr TING Tsz-yuen seconded the motion.

48. The Chairman asked members whether they agreed to endorse the provisional motion in paragraph 47.

49. Members unanimously endorsed the provisional motion in paragraph 47.

Funding Application

Funding Application of the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 67/2017)

50. Mr CHIU Man-leong, Ms CHAN Man-kuen, Mr Billy CHAN and Mr MOK Kam-kwai declared their interest as members of the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee. The Chairman said that they could attend the meeting, but had no right to vote on this funding application.

51. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Funding Application of the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee – Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR – Sha Tin Drum Festival - Mega Drum Showcase
(Paper No. CSCD 68/2017)

52. Ms Cecilia LEUNG, Senior Liaison Officer (West) of the STDO made a brief introduction.

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

- (a) he expressed his support as it was an appealing large-scale event;
- (b) he hoped that the quotations could be announced with the information of the successful tenderer set out for members' reference; and
- (c) regarding the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) in Item 41, he enquired whether the STDO would record the personal information and MPF data of part-time employees.

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

- (a) he strongly supported arts and cultural activities of various forms, especially those for which docent services were provided. He enquired whether the use of lamppost buntings could be considered since it was a large-scale event;
- (b) he opposed to the use of power generating vehicles for Item 12 because it would pollute the environment. He opined that as it was estimated that the sound equipment would be the major power consuming device and lighting of high intensity was not required at night, energy could be saved and the venue arranged should have sufficient power supply for the event;
- (c) Item 36 was rather costly even though it involved the use of aerial video filming. He suggested the contractor to provide live broadcast so that residents could watch the event online, which would achieve a better result. He opined that DVD recording did not have much benefit except for record-keeping. If live webcast was adopted, the video could be stored on multimedia platforms for future retrieval and viewing; and
- (d) he opined that even though the financial budget was very professional, it was suspected of exaggerating. He hoped that the STDO could keep the gate strictly and do a better job in quality verification. It might set out any preferred contractor in the paper.

55. The Chairman said that it had not yet decided which contractor to engage, and that it would breach the rules on government procurement to set out any contractor in the paper.

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

- (a) if a contractor had been selected at the time of event planning, it should be set out in the paper;
- (b) regarding Item 39, he enquired whether only government vehicles were allowed to be hired, and whether rent was charged to hire government vehicles. He also enquired the duration of the vehicles hiring as the rate might differ for coaches;

- (c) regarding the power supply, as power generating vehicles were not environmental-friendly, he enquired whether the authority would consider inviting CLP Power Hong Kong Limited to supply power free of charge, so as to save expenses. In respect of Item 12, he enquired whether the facilities planned to be installed could be set out; and
- (d) relevant information such as the number of performers could be set out in Item 38.

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

- (a) in respect of the websites/search engines in Item 7, he enquired about the website that advertisements were to be published; and
- (b) in respect of Item 36, he enquired whether there was no need to record videos for playback on the Internet as videos on social media could be replayed afterwards.

58. Mr James CHAN enquired what positive message the event could bring to the community or even Hong Kong as a whole, or whether it would bring joy to the suppressed. The Government just invited people to make the event look grand, yet the media was liberated nowadays that the number of such events should actually be reduced. He would give his support if the event could bring joy to people of Hong Kong, but he did not believe that would be the case for this event.

59. Ms Cecilia LEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the STDO would follow the government procurement procedures to invite contractors on the list of service suppliers to provide quotations. If any contractor enquired about the results of quotations, the STDO would make disclosure according to working guidelines;
- (b) she said that as this project was a large-scale programme, the use of lamppost buntings could achieve excellent publicity effect. If there were resources available after the quotation process, the budget would be revised to produce large lamppost buntings;
- (c) she opined that the current power supply at Sha Tin Park was sufficient and stable, but it was necessary to have generators as backup. Therefore, this item would still be set out in the budget, but it would be included as an optional item in the quotations. Upon the site inspection, the STDO would assess whether there was the need to use this facility, and would delete it if it was not needed;
- (d) in respect of the budget for the aerial video filming, she agreed to request the contractor to make live broadcast on social media. She also agreed that there was no need for DVD production;

- (e) at this stage, the contractor could not be set out clearly as the STDO was required to obtain quotations according to government procurement procedures. Though it was very likely that only one organisation would lend us the flower drums, the expenses required, including the transportation cost, had to be quoted according to the quotation procedures. Therefore, at the time of funding application, it was not yet known which companies would be invited to provide quotations and which would undertake this programme;
- (f) although this event was hosted by the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee, the staff of the STDO would be responsible for the procurement. The staff would hire vehicles in accordance with the government procurement procedures, i.e., to hire vehicles from the Government Logistics Department (GLD) first. The standard rate for hiring vehicles from the GLD might not be the same as those in the market. In Item 39, it should be added that five vehicles would be hired at a unit price of \$1,200, for the purpose of conveying participating organisations with special needs such as the disadvantaged groups;
- (g) in respect of the vehicles hiring for performers, Item 19 should be for the purpose of rehearsal only, while Item 38 was for use on the day of performance. As it was budgeted to have 40 teams to perform, with the expense of \$1,000 per team, the total amount would be \$40,000;
- (h) in respect of publicity through the electronic media, eBanner would be used to highlight the programme two weeks before the event. The public would know the date of the event when they used Internet search engines and online webcast and playback would be available on Facebook Live;
- (i) in respect of the engagement of programme assistants in Item 41, as this event was implemented by the Government, while temporary community programme assistants were engaged by the Government to act as programme assistants, the period they worked exceeded 60 days, it was necessary to reserve funds for their MPF contributions; and
- (j) the purpose of the community activity was to bring joy to residents and enhance their sense of belonging. The reason drum music was selected was that it could develop collaboration and teamwork spirit among participants. She hoped people could enjoy it. Besides, this was an art programme free of charge.

60. Members endorsed the above paper with 16 affirmative votes, 3 negative votes and 2 abstention votes (4 members did not cast their votes).

Funding Application of the Sha Tin District National Education Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 69/2017)

61. Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr WONG Ka-wing and Mr PUN Kwok-shan declared their interest as members of the Sha Tin District National Education Committee (STDNEC). The Chairman said that they could attend the meeting, but had no right to vote on this

funding application.

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

- (a) the financial arrangement used additional funding of \$136,000. He enquired whether there had been cases in which additional funding was used, and whether such funding was provided for use by this applicant organisation only;
- (b) many expenses budgeted were for the hiring of contractors' services, and the amounts of funding were considered individually. He enquired about the relevant criteria ; and
- (c) in respect of Item 7, he enquired whether it had to be undertaken by the contractor, or the Highways Department could handle it by itself.

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

- (a) given the remoteness of the activity venue, he enquired how the number of 200 to 500 participants was estimated; and
- (b) based on past experience, he asked whether the number of participants was between 400 to 500, and whether the number of participants could be maintained at 500 after the activity. He asked whether the number of participants set out was referred to the day of painting or included the days following the activity.

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

- (a) he enquired whether "Floor Painting" meant the drawing of an enormous painting on the ground and why it was adopted instead of mural painting. He enquired whether it was because mural painting was relatively common and no need to spend money on paving works;
- (b) given the light pedestrian flow at the activity venue, he enquired for whom the painting was drawn; and
- (c) he enquired whether the national flag or portraits of state leaders would be drawn, and encouraged people to trample on the national flag or state leaders, which would be a serious issue.

65. The views of Mr WONG Hok-lai were summarised below:

- (a) he enquired whether the site of the workshop could accommodate 200 persons;
- (b) he enquired whether the rendering of the use of Augmented Reality (AR)

technology could be provided for reference; and

- (c) he enquired about the purpose of coaches hiring and the location of parking spaces.

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

- (a) the Creation of Space was situated beneath the flyover on Sha Lek Highway near To Shek Street, with light pedestrian flow. This site had been paved with Besser blocks for quite a long time, and would probably be renovated in one or two years. He enquired about the location of the minor patching works and the duration of the painting to be maintained. He would have reservations if the painting would be removed within one or two years after its completion;
- (b) there was hearsay that the Secretariat had mentioned to members the importance of the paper and sought support for the activity. He had only heard about it but had no such personal experience, yet he hoped that the Secretariat could remain neutral to avoid such circumstances. If the Secretariat was just seeking opinions, it should do so before releasing the paper. Otherwise, it would cause misunderstanding;
- (c) he enquired about reasons Sha Tin District Lands Office was unable to patch the ground before holding this activity;
- (d) currently there were no maps to indicate the precise location of the activity for reference; and
- (e) access to this venue was inconvenient because the bus routes passing the venue of the activity operated every half hour, while the location was more than 10 minutes' walk from an MTR station.

67. Ms CHAN Sum-yee, Liaison Officer i/c (East) 2 of the STD0 gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) after discussion, the STDNEC intended to hold a parent-child activity on Sha Lek Highway, featuring a theme of astronomy and geography. Illustrators would be invited to design the painting and elements of AR technology would be included. Though the committee had considered the inclusion of three-dimensional (3D) elements, it eventually adopted AR technology to keep pace with the trends among the youth, in the hope of providing more information and making the painting more interactive;
- (b) regarding the pedestrian flow at the activity venue, reference could be made to past events. The STDNEC had held the activity “Vatans and Tiles Warming Up Sha Tin”(瓦當片遍暖沙田) on the Lantern Festival. Members and people in the community participated could see that there were so many participants

- that there was no room to set chairs. The access to the venue of the activity was fairly convenient that it was approximately some 10 minutes' walk from an MTR station and there were also minibus stops and bus stops in the vicinity. Therefore, residents would take part in the activity if it was attractive enough;
- (c) the purpose of coaches hiring was to take participants to the venue of the workshop as the organiser expected the illustrators to hold a workshop in addition to designing the painting. The workshop would be held at the illustrators' studio, which might not be located in Sha Tin. As it was a parent-child activity, it was hoped that the provision of coach services could facilitate the participation by children and parents in the workshop;
 - (d) the national education this year focused on the promotion of astronomy, geography and ecology of China. The national flag and portraits of state leaders were not likely to appear under such theme. The organiser hoped to teach children the 24 solar terms in Chinese calendar through this activity, and promote Chinese culture in an enjoyable form of parent-child activity;
 - (e) the activity venue was the site of Phase 1 exhibition of Creation of Space but not the location where Besser blocks were paved. The venue was now level ground, and minor patching of uneven ground and dents were needed to make it suitable for painting;
 - (f) regarding the lobbying for support for the activity from members, the staff of the STDO was preliminarily enquiring members' views on the funding application;
 - (g) regarding items for which contractors were employed, they were undertaken by contractors as usual. Such items would be progressed according to government procurement procedures;
 - (h) according to past experience in holding activities at this venue, there were approximately 200 chairs. With the participants standing at the place, the total number of participants was estimated to be 400 to 500 persons; and
 - (i) detailed directions, such as small map printed on posters, would be provided in the promotion accordingly, which would help more people to know the location of the venue.

68. Ms Ada LUK, Executive Officer (District Council) 2 of the STDO clarified that the Secretariat of the STDC did not indicate that it was seeking support from members for the activity.

69. Members endorsed the above paper with 13 affirmative votes, 6 negative votes and 4 abstention votes (3 members did not cast their votes).

Information Items

Reports of Working Groups
(Paper No. CSCD 70/2017)

70. Members noted the reports of meetings submitted by the Working Group on Festival Celebrations.

Information Papers

Financial Position and Activity Progress of the Committee's Expenditure Heads
(Paper No. CSCD 71/2017)

Briefing on 2018 Sha Tin Lunar New Year Fair of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(Paper No. CSCD 72/2017)

Briefing on 2018 Sha Tin Che Kung Festival Fair of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(Paper No. CSCD 73/2017)

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 74/2017)

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 75/2017)

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 76/2017)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Arts Association
(Paper No. CSCD 77/2017)

Progress Report of the Sha Tin Sports Association
(Paper No. CSCD 78/2017)

71. Members noted the above eight information papers.

Other Items

72. Mr Michael YUNG enquired Ms Theresa CHENG, Chief Liaison Officer of the STDO, in respect of paragraph 25 of the minutes of the 4th meeting, about the message relayed and the reply received.

73. The Chairman said that Ms Theresa CHENG had left the meeting room for the moment, and that the follow-up status would be supplemented after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The question raised by Mr Michael YUNG at the 4th meeting and the minutes of that meeting had been relayed to the HAB, which had noted Mr YUNG's views. In fact, the briefing meeting held by a department concerned was dominated by the department concerned, the role of the Secretariat was to assist in inviting members to the briefing meeting only. All matters related to the briefing meeting would be processed by the department concerned at its discretion.)

Date of Next Meeting

74. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 14 December 2017 (Thursday).

75. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.

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