

Sha Tin District Council**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of
the Culture, Sports & Community Development Committee in 2016**

Date : 25 February 2016 (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)	(5:15 pm)
Ms CHAN Man-kuen (Vice-Chairman)	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS, MH	DC Chairman	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	DC Vice-Chairman	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	(2:30 pm)	(4:59 pm)
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:07 pm)
Mr CHENG Tsuk-man	"	(2:30 pm)	(4:50 pm)
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	"	(2:30 pm)	(4:59 pm)
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:00 pm)
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	(3:16 pm)	(5:07 pm)
Ms LAM Chung-yan	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:01 pm)
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	(2:30 pm)	(4:59 pm)
Mr LI Sai-wing	"	(2:30 pm)	(4:45 pm)
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:10 pm)
Mr MAK Yun-pui	"	(2:35 pm)	(4:56 pm)
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	"	(2:51 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr NG Kam-hung	"	(2:30 pm)	(4:54 pm)
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, JP	"	(2:30 pm)	(4:32 pm)
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:12 pm)
Mr SIU Hin-hong	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	"	(2:52 pm)	(4:53 pm)
Mr TONG Hok-leung	"	(2:39 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Ms TSANG So-lai	"	(2:33 pm)	(4:51 pm)
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr WONG Hok-lai	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr WONG Ka-wing	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr WONG Yue-hon	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	(2:30 pm)	(4:59 pm)
Mr YIP Wing	"	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)

<u>Present</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Mr YIU Ka-chun	DC Member	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Ms YUE Shin-man	”	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	”	(2:30 pm)	(5:15 pm)
Mr CHOW Yik-lam, Martin (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)2 / Sha Tin District Office		

<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Title</u>
Mr Eric LEUNG	Senior Community Relations Officer (New Territories East) / Independent Commission Against Corruption
Mr CHEUNG Wan-ching	District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) / Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Yuk-kit, Glendy	Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) / Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LI Wing-sze, Grace	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Shatin) 2 / Social Welfare Department
Miss TSANG Mei-ying, May	Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion / Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHEUNG Fu-yuen, Francois	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) 1 / Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHUNG Chi-ling, Rebecca	Assistant District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) 2 / Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss NG Sheung-han, Alice	Manager (New Territories East) Marketing & District Activities / Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHEUNG Tat-cheung, Vincent	School Development Officer (Shatin) 11 / Education Bureau
Ms CHENG Ka-po, Theresa	Chief Liaison Officer / Sha Tin District Office
Ms WAN Siu-ling	Senior Liaison Officer (West) / Sha Tin District Office
Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / Sha Tin District Office

<u>In Attendance by Invitation</u>	<u>Title</u>
Ms June CHUNG	Executive Secretary / Shatin Sports Association Limited
Ms Happie LAM	Executive Director / Sha Tin Arts Association

<u>Absent</u>	<u>Title</u>
Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James	DC Member (No application for leave of absence received)
Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin	” (”)

Action

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

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 27 January 2016 (CSCDC Minutes 1/2016)

- Members confirmed the above minutes unanimously.

Discussion Items**Election of DC Members to be Directors of the Sha Tin Arts Association**
(Paper No. CSCD 3/2016)

3. The Chairman said that as at the end of the nomination period, the Secretariat had received four nomination forms:

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Nominators</u>	<u>Seconders</u>
Mr Tiger WONG	Ms YUE Shin-man	Mr CHIU Man-leong
Ms CHAN Man-kuen	Mr YIU Ka-chun	Mr HO Hau-cheung
Ms Iris WONG	Ms TUNG Kin-lei	Mr WONG Yue-hon
Ms LAM Chung-yan	Mr LI Sai-wing	Ms CHAN Man-kuen

4. Since there were only four candidates, members unanimously endorsed that Mr Tiger WONG, Ms CHAN Man-kuen, Ms Iris WONG and Ms LAM Chung-yan were elected as Directors of the Sha Tin Arts Association (STAA). Their term of office would last until the term of office of the current Sha Tin District Council (DC) ended, that is, 31 December 2019.

Nomination of Members to be Sports Ambassadors
(Paper No. CSCD 4/2016)

5. The Chairman said that as at the end of the nomination period, the Secretariat had received two nomination forms:

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Nominators</u>	<u>Seconders</u>
Mr SIU Hin-hong	Mr HO Hau-cheung	Mr Thomas PANG
Ms Iris WONG	Ms CHAN Man-kuen	Mr YIU Ka-chun

6. As there were only two candidates, members unanimously endorsed that Mr SIU Hin-hong and Ms Iris WONG were elected as Sports Ambassadors to assist the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to promote community sports activities.

Proposed Estimates and Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 1 (Cultural Affairs) of 2016/2017
(Paper No. CSCD 5/2016)

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

- (a) he declared his own interests, stating that he was the Vice-chairman of the STAA and Director of the Shatin Sports Association (STSA);
- (b) according to the proposed estimates under Expenditure Head 1 over the past two financial years, the reserve funds for the proposed district free entertainment programmes organised by the LCSD increased on a yearly basis, while the reserve funds for application by local organisations had decreased. He requested the DC Secretariat (Secretariat) to increase the reserve funds for local organisations. Mr YIU Ka-chun also supported the proposal;

- (c) he wished to review why the funds for the LCSD increased on a yearly basis. He would like to know which government department was in charge of the funding allocation under Expenditure Head 1, and whether there were any communications or exchange of views with the concerned parties before a decision on allocation of funds was made;
- (d) he asked why the amount of funds for the STAA and the STSA was less than that of last year, but the funds for the LCSD had gradually increased; and
- (e) he suggested that public views should be widely sought before the Chairman and the concerned departments drafted the estimates.

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

- (a) regarding the screening of funding applications lodged by the STAA and the STSA, he would refer to the total amount of funds and the funding ratio of the two organisations in the previous year when he presided the meetings of the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc); and
- (b) being the Convener of the said working group, he agreed that the relevant departments should, before the meetings, consult members for their opinions on allocation of funds under respective expenditure heads.

9. Mr WAI Hing-cheung raised no objection to the proposed estimates. But he opined that there being no criteria, it might not be appropriate to carry on the discussion of this paper.

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

- (a) he asked why the funds for some items had increased while those for some other items had decreased despite the funding ceiling for the Expenditure Head; and
- (b) he requested the Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of the DC and the Culture, Sports & Community Development Committee (CSCDC) to make an effort to rationalise the financial arrangement for the coming year.

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

- (a) he thanked Mr CHING Cheung-ying for raising the issue of funding allocation for members' discussion. As far as he was aware, the LCSD would put forward a preliminary proposal on the arrangements of activities for the coming year to the Sha Tin District Office (STDO);
- (b) he had discussed with Mr Thomas PANG, the Sha Tin District Officer and the LCSD staff about the activity programme for the coming year. At the meeting, the LCSD representatives expressed the Department's expectations on the activity programme for the coming year and members gave their responses. He believed that there were grounds in support of the increase in funds for the LCSD;

- (c) he declared his own interests, stating that he was the Director of the STSA. He was deeply concerned about the business of the STAA and STSA, and believed that the STDO had established an effective mechanism to communicate with the two associations so as to learn about their financial arrangements; and
 - (d) he agreed that in case the funding allocation of this year made the local organisations and government departments encounter great difficulties in organising activities, more improvements should be made with stringency to the financial arrangement in the coming year.
12. Both Mr WONG Yue-hon and Mr Wilson LI asked which government department was in charge of the arrangements for the financial items under the Expenditure Head. Both Mr WONG Yue-hon and Mr Rick HUI asked whether there was room for amendment.
13. Mr Wilson LI raised no objection to the increase in funds for the LCSD. However, he did not see why the funds for the STAA and STSA had to be trimmed down.
14. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:
- (a) the preparation of the estimates under the Expenditure Head of this year had been completed. He noted members' views, saying that improvements would be made to the funding arrangement next year; and
 - (b) the majority of members agreed that the funds under the Expenditure Head should be made good use of so as to benefit the residents in the district.
15. Mr Martin CHOW, the Executive Officer (District Council) 2 of the STDO gave a consolidated response as follows:
- (a) regarding the funding applications lodged by the STAA and STSA, the criteria adopted by the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application were the same as those described by Mr YIU Ka-chun. The Secretariat noted members' opinions on the proposed estimates; and
 - (b) the funding arrangement for the financial items under the Expenditure Head was made on the basis of the funding mode in the past, the actual needs of the activities and the financial position in the current year.
16. Mr CHEUNG Wan-ching, District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) of the LCSD gave a consolidated response as follows:
- (a) every year, the LCSD submitted to the CSCDC the activity programme for residents in the Sha Tin District for the coming year and lodged a funding application with the DC. In preparing the activity programme, the Department had to consider several factors so as to ensure that the activities could cater for the needs of the residents in the district; and

- (b) the DC funds that the LCSD applied for were entirely used for organising recreational activities for the residents in the Sha Tin District. As more kinds of activities were organised, the administrative costs incurred would be shouldered by the LCSD. He hoped that members supported the LCSD's funding proposal.

17. The Chairman asked members to vote by ballot to decide whether the paper was to be endorsed.

18. The Chairman asked the Secretary to announce the voting result.

19. Mr Martin CHOW announced the voting result as follows: 17 affirmative votes, 16 negative votes, 0 abstention vote, and the Chairman casted no vote.

20. The Chairman announced that the above paper was endorsed.

21. With reference to the recommendation put forward by the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application, members approved the funding applications from local organisations under Expenditure Head 1 of 2016/2017.

Proposed Estimates and Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 6 (Recreation and Sports) of 2016/2017

(Paper No. CSCD 6/2016)

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

- (a) the financial position of Expenditure Head 6 was similar to that of Expenditure Head 1. Given that the overall resources had decreased, he asked why the reserve funds for LCSD had increased;
- (b) he proposed to revise the arrangements for committee meetings. The Finance and General Affairs Committee (FGAC) should convene a meeting to discuss the funding allocation for all expenditure heads before the committees discussed the funding allocation for respective expenditure heads; and
- (c) he requested the relevant department to explain why the reserve funds for the LCSD had increased despite the fact that the estimates for the Expenditure Head had decreased, while the reserve funds for the STSA had been trimmed down.

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

- (a) according to the procedures, the DC should endorse the financial arrangement at the first full council meeting of each year. He asked the DC Secretariat to provide supplementary information;
- (b) the new term DC had assumed office this year. The STDO would make an initial arrangement based on the total amount of funds allocated by the Home Affairs Department for the DC's consideration; and

- (c) he had never had the experience of declaring his own interests while dealing with papers of similar nature. As there were many local organisations listed in the paper, he opined that the proposed amount of funds should be considered as funding allocation in principle, and therefore it was not necessary to declare interests.

24. Mr NG Kam-hung wished to know more about the criteria of declaration of interests of the DC and its committees. Mr CHAN Nok-hang suggested that members should vote by ballot first to decide whether it was necessary to declare their own interests in respect of the issues which required voting.

25. Mr WONG Ka-wing believed that when presiding the meetings of the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application, both Mr CHING Cheung-ying and Mr YIU Ka-chun approved the funding applications in accordance with the established criteria. He advised members to endorse this paper with a view to benefiting the local organisations in the district. He also urged the STDO to improve the arrangements for the coming year.

26. Mr Wilson LI requested the Chairman to explain why the reserve funds for the local organisations were trimmed down while those for the LCSD had increased. He hoped to strive for more resources for the local organisations.

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

- (a) the DC used to employ non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff with the DC funds. He asked why no additional civil servants had been deployed to the DC Secretariat despite its increasing workload. He suggested that the Secretariat should cut down the number of NCSC staff and increase the civil service personnel instead, so that the DC funds saved could be spent on organisation of more activities;
- (b) he asked whether it was necessary to declare one's own interests before a vote on the two papers numbered CSCD 5/2016 and CSCD 6/2016 was conducted;
- (c) he quoted Order 48(10) of the Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders, requesting the Secretariat to explain the coverage of "funding matters"; and
- (d) he enquired of the Secretariat how it would deal with the cases that involved declaration of interests.

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

- (a) he had discussed with the DC Chairman, the District Officer and Assistant District Officer of the STDO about the funding allocation under the Expenditure Head before the meeting. He had expressed his views on the LCSD's application for additional funds, and had asked the LCSD to state that all activities funded by the DC were co-organised with the DC;

- (b) he did not think that the activities funded by the DC should be defined as organisation by the Government and organisation by local organisations. He also pointed out that the target group of all the activities was residents in Sha Tin;
- (c) quite a number of local organisations had other sources of funds for their activities, but the LCSD had to rely on the DC funds to organise activities. He advised that the LCSD should improve the arrangement of activities for the coming year so as to comply with the requirements of the DC more effectively; and
- (d) the proposed estimates in the paper were based on the needs of residents in the Sha Tin District. He did not consider that the increase in funds for the STAA and STSA at the same time would be a reasonable way to deal with the matter. In screening the funding applications, the DC should take the number of recipients as a criterion.

29. Mr SIU Hin-hong opined that the DC funds should be well spent. He asked whether the LCSD would organise more activities and have additional manpower after an increase in funds. The activities organised by local organisations were more diversified with a wider range of recipients, which served as a good example for the LCSD.

30. Mr WONG Yue-hon considered that the paper involved funding in principle instead of funding applications from individual organisations. If members were afraid that there might be conflicts of interests, they should declare their own interests as early as at the meeting of the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application. Mr Tiger WONG was of the view that the DC was dealing with funding in principle. Regarding the declaration of interests, some members had deviated from the focus of discussion.

31. Mr WAI Hing-cheung thought that to safeguard their own interests, the officials of the STAA and STSA should cast negative votes.

32. Mr YAU Man-chun pointed out that according to usual practice, members were required to declare their own interests before casting a vote on the funding applications. Those members who had declared interests had no right to vote. He believed that such a rule should be applicable to this paper. He opined that members should declare their own interests in respect of this paper in order to avoid the allegation of transfer of benefits.

33. Mr Wilson LI also believed that it was very important for members to avoid any allegations.

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

- (a) in presiding the meetings of the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application, he had reminded members that they were required to declare interests when screening the funding applications, and what the DC was handling now was the block vote; and
- (b) he proposed to ask the LCSD whether it could adjust downward the amount of funds it applied for. If the CSCDC decided to allocate the funds surrendered

to other applicant local organisations, he would not mind calling a meeting of the working group again.

35. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he and the Secretariat noted members' views. He agreed that in preparing the proposed estimates for the coming year, the DC Members should be widely consulted;
- (b) he agreed that the LCSD should state that all DC funded activities were co-organised with the DC, and display the DC logo at prominent positions of the activity venues. He urged the LCSD to review the effectiveness of the activities on a regular basis, so as to ensure financial prudence while enriching the contents of the activities; and
- (c) since the paper involved the proposed estimates of the Expenditure Head instead of funding applications from individual organisations, it was not necessary for members to declare interests, and thus all of them had the right to vote. The funding applications under Agenda Item 3 would require declaration of interests.

36. Mr Derek YUEN, Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of the STDO gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) in preparing the estimates for the expenditure heads under the DC, the Secretariat would base on the funding of the previous year. Then, it would invite the concerned departments, including the LCSD and the Hong Kong Police Force, to propose the amount of funds applied for, so as to prepare the draft estimates for the coming year;
- (b) the funds allocated for Expenditure Heads 10 and 11 had dropped this year as compared with the previous year because the DC election was held last year. Quite a number of DC activities were suspended due to the DC recess period. Under such circumstances, the funds were higher than those in a regular year;
- (c) at the last full council meeting, the DC Members had endorsed that the percentage of over-commitment of DC funding would be adjusted upward by 10% so as to cut down over-spending of funds. As such, the funds allocated for all expenditure heads had been slightly adjusted downward. Nevertheless, if the allocation of DC funds in 2014/2015 served as a benchmark, the reserve funds for application by the local organisations under Expenditure Heads 10 and 11 had still increased; and
- (d) under the Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders, if a member of a committee had any direct personal interest in any matter under consideration by the committee, he or she must disclose such to the relevant committee prior to the discussion of the item.

37. Mr CHEUNG Wan-ching gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the goal of the LCSD was to organise recreational activities for the benefit of residents in the Sha Tin District. The Department had organised around 1 600 activities, benefiting a total of approximately 80 000 residents. It would try its best to ensure that the activities were well received by the public. In providing a wider variety of programmes, the Department would also enrich their contents;
- (b) the Department's funds applied from the DC were all spent on organising recreational activities for the residents in the Sha Tin District;
- (c) he agreed that publicity should be enhanced so as to make it known to the public that the recreational activities organised by the LCSD were sponsored by the DC; and
- (d) the LCSD would co-operate and communicate with local organisations when organising recreational activities because the Department placed an importance on their participation.

38. Ms Theresa CHENG, the Chief Liaison Officer of the STDO said that she would reflect to the District Officer of the STDO about the manpower problem of the Secretariat.

39. The Chairman asked members to vote by ballot to decide whether the paper was to be endorsed.

40. The Chairman announced the voting result as follows: 18 affirmative votes, 18 negative votes, and he himself casted no vote.

41. The numbers of affirmative votes and negative votes being equal, under Order 30(3) of the Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders, the Chairman was to have a casting vote. He supported the endorsement of the above paper.

42. The Chairman announced that the above paper was endorsed.

43. With reference to the recommendation put forward by the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application, members approved the funding applications from local organisations under Expenditure Head 6 of 2016/2017.

Proposed Estimates under Expenditure Head 8 (Festival Celebration) of 2016/2017
(Paper No. CSCD 7/2016)

44. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

Proposed Estimates and Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 10 (Community Development) of 2016/2017
(Paper No. CSCD 8/2016)

45. Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Mr WONG Hok-lai and Mr YIP Wing asked whether there were any specific plans for the national education activities under Expenditure Head 10.

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

- (a) he was the Chairman of the Sha Tin District National Education Committee (STDNEC). He pointed out that the funds for the national education activities listed in the paper were reserve funds, and the work plan was to be confirmed;
- (b) the mission of the STDNEC was to enhance the Sha Tin residents' awareness of the nation and traditional Chinese culture. The Committee was pleased to have communication with the CSCDC; and
- (c) the STDNEC would hold the "From Dunhuang Mural to Chinese Architecture - Tradition and Development" exhibition on 1 March this year. He invited the CSCDC members to attend the exhibition.

47. Ms LAM Chung-yan asked the Secretariat whether the proposed estimates for "reserve funds for the working group" and "national education activities" in the paper were reserve funds only, and whether the STDNEC and the related working group would, whenever appropriate, submit the work plan and funding application to the CSCDC.

48. In response to Mr Rick HUI's enquiry about the work plan, Ms Theresa CHENG said that the new term STDNEC would convene a meeting in April this year. It would also submit the work plan and funding application to the CSCDC whenever appropriate.

49. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

50. With reference to the recommendation put forward by the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application, members unanimously approved the funding applications from local organisations under Expenditure Head 10 of 2016/2017.

Proposed Estimates and Funding Applications from Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 11 (Community Organisations) of 2016/2017
(Paper No. CSCD 9/2016)

51. Members endorsed the above paper unanimously.

52. With reference to the recommendation put forward by the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application, members unanimously approved the funding applications from local organisations under Expenditure Head 11 of 2016/2017.

53. Mr WONG Ka-wing asked why no objection was raised against the proposed estimates and funding applications from local organisations under Expenditure Heads 10 and 11.

54. Mr CHING Cheung-ying pointed out that the proposed estimates under Expenditure Heads 10 and 11 did not involve any funding applications for the activities organised by government departments. Meanwhile, the proposed funding for local organisations had been fully considered by the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application.

Funding Applications

Proposed District Free Entertainment Programmes from April 2016 to March 2017 Jointly Organised with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(Paper No. CSCD 10/2016)

55. Mr CHAN Nok-hang said that some residents had reflected to him that some entertainment programmes organised by the LCSD were held in open space near the residential areas and schools, causing noise nuisance to them. He suggested that the Department should consider holding events in indoor venues during examination seasons.

56. Mr WONG Hok-lai pointed out that one of the venues was the plaza at May Shing Court, which was under the management of the owners' corporation. Since some works were in progress there, he asked whether there would be any difficulties in holding events there.

57. Mr SIU Hin-hong asked the LCSD how it would promote its events to enhance public awareness of its activities. He suggested that the Department should consider co-organising events with DC Members.

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

- (a) as the number of activity venues was increasing, he suggested that the Department should review the needs for additional funding so as to ensure that the number of activity sessions of all the venues would not be cut down; and
- (b) as regards the allocation of venues, he advised that the Department should ensure that there would be a certain number of activities for each area in Sha Tin.

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

- (a) in organizing activities, the LCSD should also take into consideration the effectiveness of the activities and the public needs. He cited Lee On Estate, Ma On Shan as an example, saying that the response to the entertainment programmes held by the LCSD in the estate was unsatisfactory. He suggested that the Department should review the effectiveness of the programmes in respect of their interest and publicity; and
- (b) he considered that the activities held by the LCSD were not cost-effective, and hoped that the Department would invite him to the programmes held at Lee On Estate.

60. Miss May TSANG, Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion of the LCSD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the LCSD would, in response to members' comments, re-schedule the programmes to minimise the impact on residents. The programmes could be co-organised with local organisations;

- (b) in case of closure of the plaza at May Shing Court due to construction works, the LCSD would change to other venues for holding activities;
- (c) regarding publicity, the LCSD would make use of online platforms and banners to promote the activities among residents. She said that the posters and leaflets of the activities would be delivered to the offices of DC Members and schools. Committee members would be invited to help promote the activities;
- (d) in response to the development of the Sha Tin District, the LCSD would hold a total of 60 free entertainment programmes all over the district. The Department would try its best to ensure that the number of free entertainment programmes for each district was more or less the same; and
- (e) the number of people participated in the events held by the LCSD at Lee On Estate in the past was satisfactory, while the numbers of people participated in the free entertainment programmes held in 18 districts were more or less the same. The LCSD had made an effort to provide a variety of entertainment programmes at district level, and submitted reports at the CSCDC meetings for members' reference. She welcomed members to put forward their comments.

61. Members endorsed the funding application unanimously. Since the funds amounted to over \$1 million, the application would be recommended to the DC for approval via the FGAC.

Recreation and Sports Activities Programme from April 2016 to March 2017 Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Sha Tin District
(Paper No. CSCD 11/2016)

62. Members endorsed the funding application unanimously. Since the funds amounted to over \$1 million, the application would be recommended to the DC for approval via the FGAC.

Public Libraries Promotion Activities from April 2016 to March 2017 Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Sha Tin District
(Paper No. CSCD 12/2016)

63. Members approved the funding application unanimously.

Funding Application from the Shatin Sports Association
(Paper No. CSCD 13/2016)

64. The Chairman welcomed Ms June CHUNG, Executive Secretary of the STSA to the meeting to respond to members' enquiries.

65. Mr HO Hau-cheung, Mr CHING Cheung-ying and Mr MOK Kam-kwai declared their own interests, stating that they were members of the STSA. The Chairman said that they were allowed to attend the meeting, but had no right to vote on this funding application.

66. Members endorsed the funding application unanimously. Since the funds amounted to over \$250,000, the application would be recommended to the FGAC for approval.

Information Items

Reports of Working Group
(Paper No. CSCD 14/2016)

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

- (a) during the funding approval procedure, it was found that the contact persons of quite a number of organisations were the same persons. He suspected that some people set up different organisations to apply for funds, and he hoped that the Secretariat would keep an eye on such a situation;
- (b) the amount of funds applied by community organisations had visibly decreased. He pointed out that many residents' associations in the district had been ageing, and the audit review on surrender of funds was considered as too stringent. He hoped that the Secretariat would make improvements; and
- (c) the subsidy ceiling of \$1,600 for each coach did not suit the current needs. He hoped that the ceiling would be raised.

68. Members noted the membership list and reports of meetings submitted by the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application.

Information Papers

Report by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on 2016/2017 Work Target, Organisation of Cultural Activities and Utilisation of Facilities in Sha Tin District
(Paper No. CSCD 15/2016)

Report by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on Organisation of Recreation and Sports Activities and Management of Facilities in Sha Tin District
(Paper No. CSCD 16/2016)

69. Members noted the above two papers.

Report on Public Libraries Promotion Activities Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Sha Tin District
(Paper No. CSCD 17/2016)

70. Members noted the above paper.

71. The Chairman suggested that the CSCDC should nominate one or a few members to act as Reading Commissioners. Their duties included giving support to various reading activities organised by the LCSD and those held in the Sha Tin District, and assisting in cultivating a reading habit among the residents in the district, especially the youth.

72. Mr SIU Hin-hong opined that the cultivation of a reading habit should start when one was young. Reading Commissioners could take up the duty of liaising with schools.

73. Mr CHING Cheung-ying considered that the LCSD should be in charge of promotion and planning. Most of the members might not be credible enough to take up the duties of Reading Commissioners.

74. Mr Thomas PANG commented that the Chairman's proposal should be left to the relevant department for study and discussion. It was not necessary to discuss the proposal at the meeting.

75. Ms TUNG Kin-lei pointed out that the Chairman's proposal of Reading Commissioners was similar to that of Sports Ambassadors. The duty of Reading Ambassadors was to help promote the library services and a reading atmosphere in the district. She opined that "Reading Commissioners" could be retitled "Reading Ambassadors". She suggested that the LCSD should study and follow up this issue.

76. Ms LAM Chung-yan pointed out that for the last term DC, the Working Group on the Management of Community Halls and Libraries was set up under the CSCDC. She suggested that the working group under the DC should continue to follow up the work in this term.

77. Ms Iris WONG supported the Chairman's proposal to nominate members to help promote the reading atmosphere in the district, which would in turn enhance the image of the DC. She said that book-floating activities were held and community libraries were set up in her constituency. She hoped that such activities would be expanded to other places in the district.

78. Mr HO Hau-cheung pointed out that in the past, the nomination of DC representatives was mostly dominated by the concerned departments. Therefore, he suggested that the LCSD should carefully consider whether it was necessary to nominate DC representatives to help promote the reading atmosphere. He opined that this issue could be handed over to the working group to be set up in the future for discussion. Afterwards, the recommendations could be submitted to the relevant committee for further discussion.

79. Ms Glendy LEE, Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) of the LCSD said that the Department had been co-operating with various organisations in the district, such as the community library, to promote the reading atmosphere. The Department would keep up with its work to take every opportunity to co-operate with the local organisations.

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80. Mr HO Hau-cheung pointed out that currently, the STAA organised a number of fee-paying activities. He supported the development of the STAA, but had recently received complaints from two members of the public about the operation of the STAA. Funded by the DC, the STAA should further enhance the transparency of its operation. He hoped that the Directors of the STAA at the meeting would assist the association in enhancing its management, so as to meet public expectation on its operation.

81. Members noted the above paper.

Progress Report of the Shatin Sports Association
(Paper No. CSCD 19/2016)

82. Members noted the above paper.

Date of Next Meeting

83. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 28 April 2016 (Thursday).

84. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

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