

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the Special Meeting of
the Finance and General Affairs Committee

Date : 23 May 2017 (Tuesday)

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 MOK Kam-kwai, BBS (Chairman)	DC Member	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris (Vice-Chairman)	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS, MH	DC Chairman	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	DC Vice-Chairman	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Ms CHAN Man-kuen	”	2:38 pm	2:50 pm
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	”	2:36 pm	2:50 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr CHIU Man-leong	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Ms LAM Chung-yan	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr NG Kam-hung	”	2:40 pm	2:50 pm
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, BBS, JP	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr TONG Hok-leung	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Ms TSANG So-lai	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr YIP Wing	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr YIU Ka-chun	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	”	2:30 pm	2:50 pm
Mr HO Kin-nam, David (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council)1 / Sha Tin District Office		
<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Title</u>		
Ms CHAN Yuen-man, Amy, JP	District Officer / Sha Tin District Office		
Mr WONG Tin-pui, Simon	Assistant District Officer / Sha Tin District Office		
Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / Sha Tin District Office		

Absent

Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin

Mr LI Sai-wing

Mr WONG Yue-hon

Ms YUE Shin-man

Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James

Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick

Mr MAK Yun-pui

Mr SIU Hin-hong

Mr TING Tsz-yuen

Mr WONG Hok-lai

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DC Member

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Action

The Chairman welcomed all members to the special meeting of the Finance and General Affairs Committee (FGAC).

Application for Leave of Absence

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

Mr Alvin LEE

Official commitment

Mr LI Sai-wing

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Mr WONG Yue-hon

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Ms YUE Shin-man

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3. The FGAC endorsed the applications for leave of absence submitted by the members above.

Discussion Items**Revised Budget for the Sha Tin District Council for 2017-2018**

(Paper No. FGA 22/2017)

4. The Chairman said it was pointed out in the 2017 Policy Address that the authority would allocate an additional \$100 million to the Community Involvement Project every year. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) notified the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) in early May 2017 that the overall allocation to the STDC for the financial year 2017-2018 was \$32,520,000, and the STDC would revise the budget based on this amount of funding. In accordance with the Sha Tin District Council Budgetary Procedures, the FGAC would be responsible for reviewing the budget for the Community Involvement Project in the Sha Tin District, which would be submitted to the STDC for examination and approval. He asked members to deliberate on the revised budget, so that it could be submitted to the STDC for examination and approval.

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

- (a) he was happy to see that the HAD increased the allocation to the STDC in the financial year 2017-2018. As the STDC had already formulated the budget before, he held that it would be better if the HAD could notify the STDC of the increased allocation earlier;

- (b) the STDC had relatively little room for participation in the discussion on the holding of the Community Involvement Project in Sha Tin District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), so he did not agree with supporting the activities under the Project by use of part of the STDC Funds;
- (c) there were multiple community organisations in Sha Tin District and the number of these organisations was growing. However, in the past, the amount allocated by the STDC to support the Community Involvement Project organised by these organisations was only some \$1 million, which accounted for a relatively small portion of the overall allocation of the STDC;
- (d) he understood that the Sha Tin District Office advised holding a large-scale district activity in the Sha Tin District with the funds of the STDC to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). He hoped that this activity could attract participation of various sectors of the community; and
- (e) in his opinion, the increase in the funds earmarked for the working groups under the STDC in the proposed revised budget was too high. He expressed reservations about whether the working groups could fully utilise the reserved provision. He hoped that each of the working groups could draw up proper work plans in the future to make effective use of resources.

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

- (a) he was happy to see that the HAD increased the allocation to the STDC in the financial year 2017-2018. He hoped that the LCSD could increase the number of sessions of district free leisure and cultural activities with the funds reserved for the holding of the Community Involvement Project in the proposed revised budget based on the increased activity venues in the district to meet the district's demands;
- (b) he hoped that in the future when the STDC examined and approved the funding applications from district organisations, the STDC could properly increase the approval rate of funding applications based on the increase in the funds earmarked for relevant Expenditure Heads in the proposed revised budget; and
- (c) he learned that currently, relevant committees and working groups would supervise the expenditure on the Community Involvement Project in Sha Tin District. He hoped that the STDC could enhance supervision to make effective use of resources.

7. Ms Amy CHAN, District Officer of Sha Tin District Office added that she understood that Mr CHING Cheung-ying was concerned about the Community Involvement Project held by the LCSD in Sha Tin District and Mr Michael YUNG hoped that the LCSD could increase the number of sessions of district free leisure and cultural activities upon allocation of additional resources. These opinions would be conveyed to the LCSD, so that the LCSD could make responses when the funding applications were

submitted later. In addition, she pointed out that in the proposed revised budget, funds had been reserved for holding the large-scale district activity to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of HKSAR. It was expected that a total of more than \$4 million would be spent on relevant activities including cycling and distance running races. As more than \$2 million was expected to be obtained from sponsorship and registration fee of the activity, it was only necessary to apply for a grant of \$2 million from the STDC in the future. According to the initial plan of the activity, the race route, which started from Hong Kong Science Park and ended at Yuen Wo Road Sport Centre via Ma On Shan, roads would be temporarily closed. The cycling race was expected to be held in the morning before the 10km distance running race and “Smart Rider” competition, and all competitions would finish in the afternoon. After that, a bicycle parade would be held to enhance environmental awareness of the public. Relevant funding application would be submitted to the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee later for discussion.

8. Members unanimously endorsed the submission of the above revised budget to the STDC for examination and approval.

Date of Next Meeting

9. The 4th Meeting of the FGAC in 2017 was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 18 July 2017 (Tuesday).

10. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Sha Tin District Council Secretariat
STDC 13/15/50

July 2017