

**Minutes of the 1st Meeting of
the Sha Tin District Council in 2019**

Date : 24 January 2019 (Thursday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Sha Tin District Council Conference Room
 4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Chairman : Mr HO Hau-cheung, SBS, MH	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Vice-Chairman : Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Members : Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	2:30 pm	3:38 pm
Ms CHAN Man-kuen	2:36 pm	3:44 pm
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	2:30 pm	3:38 pm
Mr CHENG Tsuk-man	2:42 pm	3:30 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	2:30 pm	3:38 pm
Mr CHIU Man-leong	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	2:30 pm	3:34 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	3:39 pm	3:44 pm
Ms LAM Chung-yan	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin, MH	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	2:30 pm	3:38 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr LI Sai-wing	3:03 pm	3:44 pm
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr MAK Yun-pui	2:41 pm	3:18 pm
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr NG Kam-hung	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, BBS, JP	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH, JP	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr SIU Hin-hong	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	2:36 pm	3:44 pm
Mr TONG Hok-leung	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Ms TSANG So-lai	3:01 pm	3:30 pm
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr WONG Hok-lai	2:38 pm	3:37 pm
Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH	2:30 pm	3:38 pm
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	2:43 pm	3:44 pm
Mr WONG Yue-hon	2:45 pm	3:38 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	2:36 pm	3:08 pm
Mr YIP Wing	2:30 pm	3:44 pm
Mr YIU Ka-chun, MH	2:30 pm	3:44 pm

Present

Secretary : Ms YUE Shin-man
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael
Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek

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the meeting**

2:30 pm
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Senior Executive Officer (District Council) /
Sha Tin District Office

**Time of leaving
the meeting**

3:44 pm
3:44 pm

In Attendance

Ms CHAN Yuen-man, Amy, JP
Mr WONG Tin-pui, Simon
Mr WONG Shek-hay, Sebastian
Mrs MAK LAU Wai-mun, Josephine

Mr TAM Chun-hei, Terry

Ms TSANG Ching-pan, Janet

Mr WONG Kwok-wai, Wilson
Mr YUEN Sze-chun

Mr YUEN Tat-yung, Zorro

Ms CHU Ha-fan, Jessica

Mr CHIU Hak-pui, Christopher

Ms LO Lai-fong, Jackie

Ms HEUNG Ching-yee, Alice

Mr LEUNG Cheuk-ming, Rico

Ms CHAN Siu-kin, Ester

Ms LEE Mei-yee

Mrs LEE CHEUNG Yat-wai, Gloria

Mr LAI Wing-chi, Derek

Ms YIP Sau-mei, Joyce

Mr CHAN Kai-lam, Allan

Ms CHENG Siu-ling, Katy
Ms NG Suk-min

Title

District Officer (Sha Tin)
Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin) (1)
Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin) (2)
District Commander (Shatin) /
Hong Kong Police Force
Police Community Relations Officer (Shatin
District) / Hong Kong Police Force
OC (District Intelligence Section) (Shatin) /
Hong Kong Police Force
District Lands Officer (Atg) / Sha Tin
Administration Assistant /
Lands (District Lands Office, Sha Tin)
Chief Engineer / North 2 / Civil Engineering
and Development Department
District Planning Officer (Sha Tin, Tai Po and
North) / Planning Department
Principle Transport Officer / New Territories 1
/ Transport Department
District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) /
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East) /
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Senior Manager (New Territories East)
Promotion / Leisure and Cultural Services
Department
Deputy District Leisure Manager (District
Support) Sha Tin / Leisure and Cultural
Services Department
Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) / Leisure and
Cultural Services Department
District Social Welfare Officer (Shatin) /
Social Welfare Department
District Environmental Hygiene
Superintendent (Sha Tin) / Food and
Environmental Hygiene Department
Chief School Development Officer (Shatin) /
Education Bureau
Chief Manager (Management) (Tai Po, North
and Shatin) / Housing Department
Chief Liaison Officer / Sha Tin District Office
Senior Liaison Officer (East) /
Sha Tin District Office

In Attendance

Ms LEUNG Wai-shan, Cecilia

Mr HO Kin-nam, David

Title

Senior Liaison Officer (West) /

Sha Tin District Office

Executive Officer I (District Council)1 /

Sha Tin District Office

Absent

Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James

(No application for leave of absence received)

Action

The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives from government departments and organisations to the first meeting of this year, and wished them a fruitful, successful and healthy new year.

2. The Chairman informed all attendees that some members of the public, being present as observers, were taking photographs and making video and audio recordings.

3. The Chairman, on behalf of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC), welcomed the following representatives to the meeting: Mr Rico LEUNG, Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion; Ms Ester CHAN, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sha Tin and Ms LEE Mei-yee, Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 22 November 2018
(STDC Minutes 6/2018)

4. The Council confirmed the above minutes unanimously.

Discussion Items**The Sha Tin District Council (STDC) to Serve as Event Supporter**
(Paper No. STDC 1/2019)

5. Ms Scarlett PONG said that the theme of the project included prevention and control of non-communicable diseases. She called on Members to support and participate in the event on 13 May.

6. The Council unanimously endorsed that the STDC would serve as the supporter of the 10 km race and family carnival of “World Heart Day 2019 – Run for Heart” organised by the Hong Kong College of Cardiology, and that the logo of the STDC would be displayed in the relevant promotional activities and on the publicity materials.

Establishment of a Tentative Ceiling for the STDC Expenditure Heads and Estimates in the Financial Year 2019-2020
(Paper No. STDC 2/2019)

7. The Chairman said that at the meeting on 17 January this year, the Finance and General Affairs Committee (FGAC) had endorsed and recommended that the current financial accounting system of the 11 Expenditure Heads and reserves should be maintained, and not less

than 5% of the STDC funding should be earmarked for the use by the next term of the STDC from January to March in 2020. The FGAC had also submitted tentative ceilings for the estimates of the 11 Expenditure Heads to the STDC for consideration.

8. The Chairman added that the actual amount of the STDC funding for the 2019-2020 Financial Year had yet to be confirmed. The proposal to amend the budget would be submitted via the FGAC to the STDC after the Home Affairs Department (HAD) had confirmed the amount of STDC funding for the financial year and if the amount differed from that of last year.

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

- (a) he noted that in order to complement the completion of the Sports Centre in Area 24D, the LCSD had provided additional classes to promote sports activities. He opined that upon completion of new housing estates, residents would inevitably have fewer chances to take part in free cultural and entertainment programmes. He asked the LCSD whether it had resources to provide more free cultural and entertainment programmes during programme planning; and
- (b) he asked since which year the Sha Tin District had started organising 60 programmes every year. He said that following the completion of new venues and an increase in the population of the district, the on-going organisation of 60 programmes meant that the number of existing programmes was reduced. He asked the LCSD whether its reluctance to provide additional free cultural and entertainment programmes would reduce the chances of residents who were not eligible for the \$4,000 subsidy of the Caring and Sharing Scheme (CSS) to participate in free cultural and entertainment programmes.

10. Mr CHIU Man-leong said that many members of the public commended the quality Cantonese Opera activity that the LCSD had organised earlier. He hoped that the LCSD would continue to strive for more resources and to cooperate with different organisations so as to benefit the Sha Tin residents.

11. Mr Rico LEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the Entertainment Office of the LCSD was responsible for organising a total of over 600 free cultural and entertainment programmes in the 18 districts every year. Given the limited resources of the Entertainment Office, the number of free cultural and entertainment programme was maintained at 60 every year for the moment; and
- (b) the Cultural Presentations Section of the LCSD invited both local and overseas performing arts group to perform at the Sha Tin Town Hall every year, while the Audience Building Office of the LCSD regularly organised outreach activities such as outreach arts activities at schools, and other activities at outdoor venues, such as the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme. Together with the free cultural and entertainment programmes funded by the STDC, the Sha Tin District was provided with a wide range of cultural and entertainment programmes. He added that the LCSD would regularly report past and upcoming cultural and entertainment programmes at the meetings of the Culture, Sports and Community

Development Committee (CSCDC).

12. The Chairman said that, following the increase in population of the Sha Tin District, the community demand for cultural and recreational activities had also increased correspondingly. He said that the LCSD did not positively respond that whether it had the ability to organise more activities. He was aware of the resource constraints from the Budget, but he hoped that the LCSD would endeavour to seek resources and to explore new potentials in the future, such as to cooperate with different organisations to bring more diversified programmes to the Sha Tin residents. He also hoped that the LCSD would note Sha Tin residents' demand for more free cultural and entertainment programmes.

13. The Council unanimously endorsed the above paper.

STDC's Duty Visit to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area
(Paper No. STDC 3/2019)

14. The Council unanimously endorsed the above paper.

Funding Application

Funding Application for Employment of Contract Staff by the STDC Secretariat
(Paper No. STDC 4/2019)

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

- (a) he fully understood the need for employing contract staff to share the workload of civil servants in the permanent establishment. He pointed out that it was proposed that 16 staff members be employed; however, the office space of the Secretariat remained the same and the seats of the staff were increasingly cramped. For example, barrier-free access facilities had to be retrofitted for the current term of the STDC. In order to vacate enough space for such facilities, the Secretariat had to move Members' letter boxes to the common room and some staff members had to move their desks and chairs inward. Some staff members employed in the name of the STDC could not even work inside the Secretariat; and
- (b) regarding the application forms for the CSS, he said that he had contacted the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO). The Office said that the Secretariat of the Sha Tin District was the only Secretariat that refused to receive application forms on behalf of Members, while the Secretariats of the other 17 districts were willing to do so. He said that letters from different departments and public organisations had always been delivered to Members via their letter boxes. He did not understand why the Secretariat could not receive 450 application forms on Members' behalf. He did not believe it was due to a lack of space in the Secretariat, as 300 application forms were currently stored in the document room. He believed that if space was limited, the Chairman of the STDC would gladly free up his office to temporarily store the forms. He opined that the employment of contract staff had to be justified.

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

- (a) he suggested attracting talents with a higher pay level when he first vetted the paper many years ago. Given the limited accountable allowances, the pay level of Political Assistants of Members was not comparable to that of contract staff employed by the Secretariat. He asked if the employment of Political Assistants could be included in the scheme, so that Political Assistants could be centrally recruited and then assigned to Members; and
- (b) regarding the application form of the CSS, he had asked the Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin) (ADO/ST) whether the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) could deliver a certain number of forms to Members, so that they could give them out or assist residents in filling in the forms with a view to lessening the department's workload. The ADO/ST responded that there was no such an arrangement to deliver application forms to Members, and he suggested that Members obtain them from the WFAO. As a result, he received a lot of complaints from residents on the first day of application form distribution, saying that all of the forms were given out early that day. He wanted to offer assistance, but he had to bear the pressure from residents and different organisations instead. He asked why the Government caused the public trouble in distributing the \$4,000 subsidy.

17. Mr WONG Hok-lai pointed out that there would be more than 40 Members in the next term of the STDC, and therefore the Secretariat had to employ contract staff to share the increasing workload. He learnt that the Tai Po District Council had reserved 2 000 application forms with envelopes; however, the STDC did not have such an arrangement. He wanted to know if it was due to a lack of space, manpower or resources in the Secretariat.

18. The Chairman was aware that Members had received many complaints from residents regarding the distribution of the application forms of the CSS. He would first invite the District Officer (Sha Tin) (DO/ST) to respond to the issue, and hoped that the questions afterwards could focus on the funding application for the employment of contract staff instead of the distribution mechanism of the subsidy.

19. Mr MAK Yun-pui said that the employment of contract staff was an attempt to address the problem of manpower shortage and opined that the distribution of the application forms for the subsidy was an example of the problem caused by manpower shortage. He opined that the employment of contract staff related to both public fund and the distribution of the application forms for the subsidy. He hoped that the Chairman would not stop Members from speaking about that.

20. The Chairman reiterated that, as the Chairman, he was obliged to handle the agenda arrangement, and pointed out that he had not stopped Members from speaking about the application form issue. After the DO/ST gave a response, Members had the right to speak and cite the application form incident as an example regarding the funding application for employment of contract staff.

21. Ms Amy CHAN, DO/ST gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) regarding the distribution of the application forms of the CSS, she pointed out that the instruction received by the STDO was that the Sha Tin Home Affairs Enquiry

Centre would distribute the application forms to the public on behalf of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA). The Sha Tin District had received 32 000 application forms since 21 January and the Ma On Shan Sub-office and the Sha Tin Home Affairs Enquiry Centre gave out a total of 13 000 forms every day. She was aware that members of the public who could not obtain application forms would express their feelings to Members; however, the amount of application forms available at the Home Affairs Enquiry Centre could only meet the public demand for one day. She felt sorry about that. As the forms were meant to be distributed to the public, they could not be given out to Members. She learnt that Members had asked the WFSFAA for over 13 000 application forms. It was impossible for the Home Affairs Enquiry Centre to handle such a large volume. As the DO/ST, she was responsible for each application form distributed and had to ensure that the forms were distributed to the public. Therefore, the forms had to be distributed by the Home Affairs Enquiry Centre. If Members were in need of a large volume of application forms, they had to obtain them directly from the WFSFAA;

- (b) Mr Derek YUEN, Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of the STDO, later informed her that the Secretariat did not have enough space to store a large amount of application forms. The WFSFAA did not further elaborate on the arrangement of receipt of application forms. A Member had contacted her on obtaining a large amount of application forms and promised that, if approved, the lot of application forms would be relocated soon after they were sent to the STDO. Also, having considered the limited space of the Secretariat and the possible availability of the STDC conference room to store application forms for half a day, she studied the relevant arrangements. She said that it was an exceptional arrangement and was glad that the said Member resolved the issue with another method in the end. There was no need to carry out the said arrangement. She apologised on the Secretariat's behalf if the handling of the incident was not satisfactory, but stressed that it was due to the special nature of the incident, instead of the incompetence of the Secretariat. She hoped that the distribution of the application forms was handled in a fair manner, so as to avoid other complaints or grievances;
- (c) regarding the employment of contract staff, she said that the fund would be appropriated from the funding of over \$32 million for the "Community Involvement Project", in which a maximum of 15% would be used to employ contract staff to assist the Secretariat with the handling of substantial administrative work. The contract staff mentioned in the paper were all employed for dealing with time-limited activities;
- (d) in relation to the vacancies of the Secretariat, she had been making an effort to apply to the HAD for replacement; and
- (e) concerning the shortage of office space in the Secretariat, she said that the office desks were closely placed and that she was most concerned about fire safety. She had applied for spaces in the government building project in Tai Wai to set up offices for the STDO. If successful, priority would be given to the Secretariat so as to provide service to the STDC. She hoped to optimise the use of limited resources.

22. Mr YIP Wing said he was not sure if the Secretariat was incompetent, but that the situation was indeed chaotic. He did not receive any reply to his call to the WFSFAA on 15 January about his request for 200 application forms. When he called the WFSFAA again on 21 January to request 1 000 application forms, he received their reply on 22 January, saying that the application forms could be obtained from the STDO. He then received a short message from the DO/ST soon afterwards, saying that “The Enquiry Centre was not informed, and as I do not plan to tell other people about giving you application forms, I hope you can understand the situation”. He opined that the situation was chaotic and hoped that the DO/ST could provide an explanation.

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

- (a) he opined that all Members were aware of the need to employ contract staff. The increase of establishment of the STDC or the STDO had been failing to catch up with that of the STDC Members, causing the imbalance in the ratio. He asked if the department would review the situation or consider incorporating some contract staff posts into the permanent establishment, so as to handle the increasing workload. He opined that it was not satisfactory to submit to the STDC a funding application for employment of contract staff every year; and
- (b) regarding the distribution of application forms of the CSS, he said that he had sent staff to attend a talk and registered in advance for 500 application forms. However, the WFSFAA said that they were not informed of the matter. He asked which department was actually responsible for this matter.

24. Mr MAK Yun-pui said that he had sent a letter to the WFSFAA to request 4 000 application forms, but he had not received any so far. He hoped that the Secretariat and the STDO could respond to this issue. He pointed out that all of the application forms he had distributed to the public were printed with the resources of his ward office, such as printer, ink, paper, etc. He asked who should be the responsible person if printers were damaged while printing application forms, or if the ink and paper expenses exceeded the ceiling of Members’ operating expenses.

25. Mr Rick HUI estimated that 5 000 application forms would take up around 1 cubic metre of space, and he opined that there should be enough space. He requested that the DO/ST should not use the lack of space as an excuse in the future. He believed that as the conference room was most frequently used by Members, they would not mind, but welcome, the use of it for the storage of application forms.

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

- (a) he said that there were currently 39 Members and there would be 42 Members in the next term of the STDC, but the establishment had long remained at a relatively low level. He hoped that the manpower of the Secretariat could be increased as soon as possible, no matter whether it was increased through the employment of contract staff or staff in the permanent establishment; and
- (b) the Sha Tin District was only allocated with 32 000 application forms. He opined

that the DO/ST was also a victim. The Government estimated that around 2 million members of the public were eligible for application, but only 1 million application forms of Chinese version were printed. The number had fallen far short of the demand. He said that Members' operating expenses did not cover stationery or paper expenses. However, in response to public request, Members assisted in the printing of application forms. He suggested that besides the expenses of \$5,000, other work-related expenses, such as those on stationery and paper, should also be covered. The chaotic situation of application form distribution had aroused public grievances. He opined that the Government was fully responsible for the matter, and should expedite the printing of application forms so as to reduce the inconvenience caused to the public.

27. Ms Amy CHAN gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) she noted Members' suggestions on manpower establishment and would relay them to the HAD. As the funding for employment of contract staff could not exceed 15% of the funding for the "Community Involvement Project" of the Sha Tin District, which totalled over \$32 million, it would be the best to employ the maximum number of staff of appropriate ranks from the planning perspective. She opined that, the first priority of both the Secretariat and the STDO was to streamline operational workflows, so that the staff could handle their duties at optimal efficiency. Since she became the DO/ST over a year ago, some measures had been put in place. The application process for funding or subvention had also been expedited. Regarding the instruments and papers of the STDC, she said that her office was open until 8 or 9 pm as far as possible, so that the staff could prepare the STDC papers and provide assistance expeditiously upon receipt of information from departments. Regarding Members' views on the establishment, she said she would strive for more resources;
- (b) regarding the shortage of space, she thanked Mr Rick HUI for his suggestions, and hoped that space could be utilised according to the principle of fair usage. In case of special circumstances, they should be handled through coordination and communication. Some Members might have asked the WFSFAA for a large volume of application forms and hoped to use the STDO as a midway point. Having discussed with her staff, she considered the arrangement feasible. She pointed out that, if Members found replies from the Secretariat too bureaucratic and could not assist them in addressing the needs, they could contact her directly. She would respond to the needs to the best of her abilities and in accordance with the rules, so that all parties could work without pressure. She opined that exceptional treatment was not ideal in the sense that beneficiaries would be put under pressure. She thanked the Chairman for the chance to explain the situation, but she stressed that the function of the Sha Tin Home Affairs Enquiry Centre regarding the distribution of the application forms was very simple, that was to distribute the application forms. The events that happened afterwards were unexpected. Communications between various units might not be adequate, but the staff had learnt from the experience. She would ask for better internal communication in similar situations in the future; and
- (c) regarding part of her short message that Mr YIP Wing had just read out, she wished

to give a clear account of the whole incident. In their communications, Mr YIP Wing suggested that she provide 1 000 application forms to each Member at this meeting, and that meant a total of 39 000 forms, as 39 Members were present. As the Sha Tin District was only allocated with 32 000 application forms, she replied that she could not fulfil his request. The second message was sent when Mr YIP Wing wanted to obtain a small amount of application forms. As she wanted to offer help, she therefore asked her staff to line up at the Sha Tin Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, as what the public did, to obtain application forms. That was why she asked him not to mention it to other people in her reply. She considered this what she just described as catering to special requests in accordance with the rules. She originally did not intend to disclose this in public, but to avoid her message being taken out of context, she hoped that the incident could be recorded in its entirety.

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

- (a) he believed that all Members supported the employment of contract staff. However, he asked if there was any space in the Sha Tin Government Offices available for the expansion of the Secretariat; and
- (b) regarding the application forms of the CSS, he said he had no intention to obtain them from the Sha Tin Home Affairs Enquiry Centre. The WFSFAA said that the staff of the STDO were not willing to receive application forms on Members' behalf. He asked if the STDO had the right to refuse to receive forms or letters sent from various departments to the STDO. He did not know who authorised the STDO to refuse to receive application forms on Members' behalf. He opined that it was a secretarial service that the Secretariat should provide. If there was a lack of space, the Chairman could offer his office for storage of the application forms, just as the DO/ST had suggested. He would like to know the decision or the reason that the STDC Secretariat based on to refuse to receive the application forms from the WFSFAA.

29. Mr Derek YUEN said that the WFSFAA asked the Secretariat to receive over 13 000 application forms for individual Members. Owing to insufficient space, the huge volume of application forms, pamphlets of the CSS and pre-printed reply envelopes could not be stored at the Secretariat. As the application forms could only be distributed starting from 21 January (Monday), the Secretariat suggested that the WFSFAA send fewer forms to the STDO, and refer to the current arrangement for distributing items for government departments by allowing the Secretariat to put the forms into Members' letter boxes. However, the WFSFAA did not accept the STDO's proposal.

30. The Chairman believed that all Members wanted to address the public's concern and to serve the public. Regarding the funding application for the Secretariat's employment of contract staff, Members were very concerned about some procedures for the Secretariat to collect the application forms on Members' behalf. He opined that the Government did not sufficiently assess the issue and that there was a lot of room for improvement. However, frontline staff in all districts, including Members, District Officers and Secretariats, all played a passive role under certain circumstances and could only suffer in silence. He believed that other problems might arise when CSS applications were processed in the future. He

commended the colleagues for wholeheartedly serving the public, speaking up for the public and duly performing their duties.

31. The Council unanimously endorsed the above paper.

Information Items

Reports of Committees under the STDC

District Facilities Management Committee

(Paper No. STDC 5/2019)

Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee

(Paper No. STDC 6/2019)

32. Mr SIU Hin-hong said the LCSD had made improvements to recreational activities by holding more activities and providing more facilities. However, the number of audiences of cultural activities was small. He suggested that the LCSD collaborate more with schools and pointed out that “Mr Voice, My Life” and “Summon the Heroes” were great performances. He asked the LCSD how it would expand the audience base.

33. The Chairman invited the Chairman of the CSCDC to give a response.

34. Mr CHIU Man-leong thanked Mr SIU Hin-hong for his comments. He believed that the audience base could be expanded if the LCSD stepped up publicity. For example, the event about Sha Tin Festival jointly organised by Kam Tai Court and the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee was attended by students of Jockey Club Ti-I College. He agreed with the suggestion that the LCSD should collaborate more with outstanding students at schools, including the members of choirs, instrument training courses and bands, so as to give them more opportunities and platforms to perform, as well as to promote cultural atmosphere in Sha Tin.

35. The Chairman opined that it was not necessary for the LCSD to respond to the above, but he hoped that the LCSD would note the suggestions of Mr SIU Hin-hong and Mr CHIU Man-leong.

Education and Welfare Committee

(Paper No. STDC 7/2019)

Development and Housing Committee

(Paper No. STDC 8/2019)

Traffic and Transport Committee

(Paper Nos. STDC 9/2019 and STDC 9A/2019)

Health and Environment Committee

(Paper Nos. STDC 10/2019 and STDC 10A/2019)

Finance and General Affairs Committee

(Paper No. STDC 11/2019)

36. The Council noted the 7 reports above.

Financial Account of the STDC (as at 15 January 2019)
(Paper No. STDC 12/2019)

37. The Council noted the above paper.

Information Paper

District Management Committee
(Paper No. STDC 13/2019)

38. The Vice-Chairman said that the report of the District Facilities Management Committee mentioned some inter-departmental projects, and that some STDO staff had inspected the works near Greenwood Terrace together on the day of this meeting. Major construction works had been being carried out on the slope of the Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery recently. During the construction period, claiming that it was for construction purpose, a contractor cut down many trees and placed water pipes on a road next to Greenwood Terrace, which was under the purview of the Water Supplies Department. However, as the trees on the slope had yet to be cleared away and the rainy season was approaching, dangerous situation such as mudslides might happen. The clearing of the trees on the slope would involve departments such as the Lands Department and the Civil Engineering and Development Department. He hoped that the DO/ST could pay attention to the issue and assist with coordination.

39. Ms Amy CHAN responded that she would follow up and learn more about the slope maintenance issue of the Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery with the relevant staff after the meeting. She said that safety was her major concern. She hoped that everything could be settled before the rainy season, no matter whether it was environmental hygiene or slope safety.

40. The Council noted the above paper.

Date of Next Meeting

41. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 21 March 2019 (Thursday).

42. The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm.

Sha Tin District Council Secretariat
STDC 13/15/50

March 2019