

**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of
the Sha Tin District Council in 2016**

Date : 18 February 2016 (Thursday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Sha Tin District Council Conference Room
 4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

Present

	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Chairman :	Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS,MH	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
Vice-Chairman :	Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
Members :	Ms CHAN Man-kuen	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr CHAN Nok-hang	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	(2:30 pm) (4:23 pm)
	Mr CHIU Man-leong	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr LAI Tsz-yan	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Ms LAM Chung-yan	(2:44 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr LI Sai-hung	(2:30 pm) (4:25 pm)
	Mr LI Sai-wing	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr MAK Yun-pui	(3:02 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr NG Kam-hung	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, JP	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr TING Tsz-yuen	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Ms TSANG So-lai	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Ms TUNG Kin-lei	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr WAI Hing-cheung	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr WONG Hok-lai	(2:47 pm) (4:14 pm)
	Mr WONG Ka-wing	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr WONG Yue-hon	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr YAU Man-chun	(2:30 pm) (4:23 pm)
	Mr YIP Wing	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr YIU Ka-chun	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Ms YUE Shin-man	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
	Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	(2:30 pm) (4:26 pm)
Secretary :	Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sha Tin District Office

In Attendance

Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora, JP
Mr Angus Guy PULLINGER

Ms CHIANG Shui-ching, Teresa

Ms WAN Pui-yee

Mr LAU Yip-ming, Raymond

Mr NG Kok-hung

Mr LI Tin-sang, Stephen

Mr SOH Chun-kwok

Mr POON Chi-man, Edmond

Mr CHEUNG Wan-ching

Ms LI Wing-sze, Grace

Mr TSAI Yu-sing, Eric

Dr HO Wing-chuen

Mr LUK Hing-chuen, Steve

Ms CHENG Ka-po, Theresa

Ms CHENG Yuk-kam, Brenda

Ms KI Hoi-ying, Sandy

Title

District Officer / Sha Tin District Office
Deputy 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 / ST (Atg) (District Lands Office,
Sha Tin) / Lands Department
Chief Land Executive (District Lands Office, Sha Tin)
(Atg) / Lands Department
Chief Engineer / New Territories East 2 /
Civil Engineering and Development Department
District Planning Officer / Sha Tin, Tai Po and North /
Planning Department
Principal Transport Officer / New Territories /
Transport Department
District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) /
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
District Social Welfare Officer (Shatin) (Atg) /
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, Shatin and
Sai Kung) / Housing Department
Chief Liaison Officer / Sha Tin District Office
Senior Liaison Officer (East) / Sha Tin District Office
Executive Officer I (District Council)1 /
Sha Tin District Office

Absent

Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung

Mr CHENG Tsuk-man

Mr SIU Hin-hong

Mr TONG Hok-leung

Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James

(Application for leave of absence received)

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(No application for leave of absence received)

The Chairman informed participants that some members of the public, being present at the meeting as observers, were taking photographs and making video and audio recordings.

2. The Chairman welcomed on behalf of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) Mr Angus Guy PULLINGER, Deputy District Commander (Shatin) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), Ms LI Wing-sze, Grace, District Social Welfare Officer (Shatin) (Atg) of the Social Welfare Department, and Mr LAU Yip-ming, Raymond, District Lands Officer/ST (Atg) (District Lands Office, Sha Tin), who attended the meeting in place of Ms KWAN

Chui-ching, Catherine, District Commander (Shatin), Mrs LEE CHEUNG Yat-wai, Gloria, District Social Welfare Officer (Shatin), and Ms Rosanna TSE, District Lands Officer/ST (District Lands Office, Sha Tin) respectively.

Application for Leave of Absence

3. The Chairman said that the STDC Secretariat (Secretariat) received the applications for leave of absence in writing from the following members:

Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	Official commitment
Mr CHENG Tsuk-man	Official commitment
Mr SIU Hin-hong	Absence from Hong Kong
Mr TONG Hok-leung	Absence from Hong Kong

4. The Council endorsed the applications for leave of absence submitted by the above members.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 7 January 2016

5. The Chairman said that no amendments proposed by members were received by the Secretariat before the meeting started.

6. The Council confirmed the above minutes unanimously.

Discussion Items

The STDC to Serve as Event Supporter
(Paper no. STDC 10/2016)

7. The Council unanimously agreed that the STDC would serve as a supporter of the event “36 sWARM Stratagems” to be held by Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation (YAF) from 8 to 10 October 2016 and authorise YAF to display the STDC’s logo in the related promotional activities and materials.

The Regional Advisory Committee of the Hospital Authority - the STDC Representative
(Paper no. STDC 11/2016)

8. As only one nomination was received before the deadline, the Chairman announced that Mr SIU Hin-hong would serve as the STDC representative on the Regional Advisory Committee of the Hospital Authority for the term from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018.

Customer Liaison Group of the Hongkong Post - the STDC Representative
(Paper no. STDC 12/2016)

9. As only one nomination was received before the deadline, the Chairman announced that Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger, would serve as the STDC representative on the Customer Liaison Group of the Hongkong Post for the term from 1 April 2016 to 31 December 2017.

Gender Focal Point - Representative of the STDC
(Paper no. STDC 13/2016)

10. As only one nomination was received before the deadline, the Chairman announced that Ms CHAN Man-kuen would represent the STDC to serve as a Gender Focal Point in the current term of District Councils (DCs).

11. Mr CHING Cheung-ying suggested that the above three representatives should regularly report to the STDC on the work of their posts or share the information they obtained. He also suggested that members might exchange views in the Council if the organisations concerned sought advice from the STDC.

12. Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael proposed that after seeking members' consent, the Secretariat should prepare a contact directory for internal use by members only, so that they could communicate with each other more easily for exchange of views.

13. The Chairman subscribed to Mr CHING Cheung-ying's suggestion, saying that the STDC representatives who had previously served on the Regional Advisory Committee of the Hospital Authority had reported to the STDC on their work. He hoped that the members who held the other two posts would consider this practice. He asked the Secretariat to make arrangements to facilitate the above three representatives' report on their work and to follow up on the proposal to prepare a contact directory after the meeting.

Establishment of a Tentative Ceiling for the STDC Expenditure Heads and Estimates in 2016-2017
(Paper no. STDC 14/2016)

14. The Council endorsed the above paper unanimously.

Funding Applications

Funding Applications of the STDC
(Paper no. STDC 15/2016)

15. On the STDC's funding application regarding the 7-a-side football invitation tournament, Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora, District Officer of the Sha Tin District Office said that to promote its work, the STDC had previously organised or joined recreation and sports activities that were open for public participation, such as participating in dragon boat races in the name of the STDC. The budget estimate set out on the application form was tentative and all expenditures should be paid on an accountable basis.

16. Mr CHING Cheung-ying and Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael, while supporting the activity in question, suggested that the budget estimate should be amended to cut expenditures.

17. Mr WAI Hing-cheung hoped that the STDC could form a permanent football team in the future. Moreover, he recommended that Kitchee should organise a football tournament for the 18 DCs and each DC might seek appropriate sponsorship for its expenditures.

18. Mr MAK Yun-pui supported organising football activities. He suggested expanding the target participants of the tournament to cover other professional or district football teams, especially passionate youth football teams, and taking the opportunity of the activity to share opinions on football facilities and the related youth facilities in the district.

19. Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael shared the view that the activity should be promoted to the youth of the district. Besides, he opined that by organising a football activity, the STDC could monitor the usage of the Shek Mun venue, which had been leased out to Kitchee on short-term tenancy with the STDC's support.

20. Mr WONG Ka-wing opined that as public servants, DC members should avoid accepting sponsorship in organising activities.

21. Mr YIU Ka-chun hoped that the recreation and sports group under the STDC would continue to organise similar activities in the future and consider co-organising activities with other groups in the district or government departments.

22. The Vice-Chairman agreed that similar activities should be organised to facilitate interaction between members and the public. Moreover, he suggested that the "Courtesy Fund" model of the last DC term should be adopted for implementation and moreover, honorary sponsors might be introduced in fund-raising.

23. The consolidated reply from Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora was as follows:

- (a) from the community perspective, this activity could serve the purposes of reaching out to the community and promoting DC work;
- (b) the Secretariat proposed the expenditure items by reference to the funding applications of similar activities held previously. All the expenditures should be made with consideration to the principle of prudent financial management and paid on an accountable basis;
- (c) this activity could serve as a pilot project, which could be extended to other activities or other DCs/organisations/groups in the future; and
- (d) pursuant to paragraphs 1.2(c) and (k) of the Procedures and Rule of Application for STDC Funds, the STDC funds could be used for recreation and sports activities in the district and activities that could boost the public's awareness of the District Administration Scheme. The costs of promoting the STDC's work were a permissible item of expenditure in STDC-funded activities.

24. The Chairman concluded by saying that members in general supported the STDC in organising the activity in question. This activity involved other DCs and encouraged public participation, so it was a community involvement activity. In the past, STDC promotion activities, such as a friendly table-tennis tournament with the principals of primary and secondary schools in Sha Tin, had been organised by a working group under the Finance and General Affairs Committee with remarkable results. He added that in the last DC term, the STDC supported leasing out the Shek Mun venue to Kitchee on short-term tenancy for use as a football centre because Kitchee agreed to open up some sessions for use by the Sha Tin

community. As in the last DC term, the football centre of Kitchee would like to invite STDC members to join its advisory group on recreation and sports affairs in Sha Tin and advise on matters such as pitch operation and management, facility operation, as well as venue hiring and fees. Besides, whenever appropriate, he would relay to Kitchee the views just raised by members.

25. The Chairman indicated that the working groups under the Finance and General Affairs Committee had yet been set up as the STDC of the new term had just commenced operation, and that the related working group, upon establishment, could be tasked with organising and conducting the above activity. He added that the target participants of the tournament might be expanded to cover other stakeholders. In this connection, the Chairman asked members to vote on whether to continue the discussion on the STDC's funding application in respect of the 7-a-side football invitation tournament. The Council decided to set aside the discussion by a vote of 0 in favour, 32 against and 1 abstention (other 2 members made no choice in the vote).

26. Mr CHING Cheung-ying said that the flower show was an event organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for the entire Hong Kong and the Department should bear the costs incurred by the STDC for participation in the event. The STDC had only a few exhibition panels in previous flower shows. After reviewing the breakdowns of the funding application, he considered that the budget estimate should be adjusted.

27. Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan expressed support for the show. She suggested that the exhibition panels be themed around environmental promotion in Sha Tin and that the brief descriptions of the 10 scenic spots in Sha Tin be skipped in order to highlight the theme.

28. Mr WONG Hok-lai worried that given the high number of visitors to the flower show, the budget estimate of merely several thousand dollars was inadequate to maintain the operation of the game stall.

29. The Vice-Chairman indicated that if this funding application was not endorsed, the STDC would be the only DC absent from the exhibition area for the 18 DCs.

30. Mr CHEUNG Wan-ching, District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) of the LCSD responded that each year the LCSD invited all DCs to each set up a green promotion stall in the Hong Kong Flower Show to promote their work as well as environmental protection messages. The LCSD provided a subsidy of \$1,500 for each district. The STDC had participated in previous flower shows and put up exhibition panels about its activities and information, whereas the game stalls served as an additional fun element to attract visitors.

31. The Council endorsed the funding application in respect of the STDC's participation in the "Hong Kong Flower Show 2016 - Green Promotional Stalls" by a vote of 22 in favour, 1 against and 5 abstentions (other 7 members made no choice in the vote).

32. Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek, Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of the Sha Tin District Office reported on the matter concerning the production of a short video on the STDC, which had been raised at the meeting on 7 January. He said that the Secretariat had done some preliminary research and realised that it would take time to prepare for this initiative. The preparations included finding a contractor, preparing drafts, video shooting

and post-production. Given that the 2015-2016 financial year would end soon, he suggested that the funding application in respect of the initiative be postponed and re-submitted to the STDC in the 2016-2017 financial year, so as to allow sufficient time for the preparations.

33. The Council agreed to the above suggestion unanimously.

Information Items

Reports of Committees under the STDC

District Facilities Management Committee

(Paper no. STDC 16/2016)

Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee

(Paper no. STDC 17/2016)

Education and Welfare Committee

(Paper no. STDC 18/2016)

Development and Housing Committee

(Paper no. STDC 19/2016)

Traffic and Transport Committee

(Paper no. STDC 20/2016)

Health and Environment Committee

(Paper no. STDC 21/2016)

Finance and General Affairs Committee

(Paper no. STDC 22/2016)

34. The Council endorsed the reports of the above committees.

Financial Account of the STDC as at 31 January 2016

(Paper no. STDC 23/2016)

35. The Council noted the above paper.

Information Papers

Report of the District Facilities Management Committee

(Paper no. STDC 24/2016)

36. Mr YAU Man-chun asked the Housing Department (HD) whether it kept tabs on the rentals of the market in Shui Chuen O Estate and when the market would open. Besides, he asked the HD about the latest progress on the intake of Shing Chuen House and Ho Chuen House in Shui Chuen O Estate Phase Two, as it took nine months for some residents to obtain the keys after they were allocated flats, which was too long.

37. Mr LUK Hing-chuen, Steve, Chief Manager / Management (Tai Po, North, Shatin and Sai Kung) of the HD responded that the market in Shui Chuen O Estate was leased out to a Single Operator of Market, who would be responsible for the management and operation of the market and invite tenants for the stalls there. For newly-occupied estates, if the accumulative total of the leased-out public housing flats was lower than the accumulative total of the flats scheduled for intake as of a particular month, the Housing Authority could reduce the agreed rentals in the next month and accordingly, the operator would be required to return the rental reduction amount to the licensees of stalls on a pro-rata basis according to the sizes of individual market stalls. As for the intake schedule of Shui Chuen O Estate, the occupation permits for Blocks 1 and 2 of Phase Two would be issued in March and the keys would be distributed immediately afterwards, whereas Block 3 was expected to be completed in the second quarter of this year and the keys would be distributed after the issuance of occupation permits.

38. Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael enquired about the progress of the works to the trunk sewer at the junction of Fo Tan Road/Yuen Wo Road and the relevant departments' supporting traffic control measures. In this regard, Mr POON Chi-man, Edmond, Principal Transport Officer / New Territories of the Transport Department responded that as necessitated by the maintenance works, the Drainage Services Department had put in place emergency transport arrangements including the closure of an affected section of Yuen Wo Road. To mitigate the works' impact on traffic, the Drainage Services Department, the Transport Department and the Police had held discussions and were exploring whether to change one of the oncoming lanes of the Yuen Wo Road section between Fo Tan Road and Sha Tin Road to a southbound lane, in a bid to maintain road connectivity.

Any Other Business

39. The Chairman indicated that the STDC had earlier agreed that the Meet the Public Scheme be resumed in March 2016 and endorsed a funding application in respect of the production of the scheme's poster. To dovetail with publicity efforts and complete the poster production in time by the end of the current financial year, the Secretariat had written to all members, inviting them to attend a group photo session for the current STDC members, which would be held from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on 25 February 2016 at Lee On Community Hall, for the production of the scheme's poster. He encouraged members to attend the above session.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

40. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 24 March 2016 (Thursday).

41. The meeting ended at 4:26 pm.

Secretariat, Sha Tin District Council
STDC 13/15/15/1

March 2016