

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 5th Meeting of
the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee in 2020

Date : 3 September 2020 (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 LI Wing-shing, Wilson (Chairman)	DC Member	2:30 pm	5:43 pm
Mr CHENG Chung-hang (Vice-Chairman)	"	2:30 pm	5:43 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	DC Chairman	2:30 pm	5:43 pm
Mr WONG Hok-lai, George	DC Vice-Chairman	2:30 pm	5:11 pm
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	3:02 pm	5:43 pm
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	"	3:07 pm	5:43 pm
Mr CHAN Pui-ming	"	2:30 pm	5:31 pm
Mr CHAN Wan-tung	"	3:41 pm	5:43 pm
Mr CHEUNG Hing-wa	"	2:30 pm	5:43 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong	"	3:02 pm	3:11 pm
Mr CHOW Hiu-laam, Felix	"	2:30 pm	5:43 pm
Mr CHUNG Lai-him, Johnny	"	2:30 pm	5:43 pm
Mr HUI Lap-san	"	2:30 pm	5:32 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	3:36 pm	5:11 pm
Dr LAM Kong-kwan	"	3:04 pm	3:30 pm
Mr LI Chi-wang, Raymond	"	2:30 pm	5:14 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	2:30 pm	5:43 pm
Mr LIAO Pak-hong, Ricardo	"	2:30 pm	5:43 pm
Mr LO Tak-ming	"	3:02 pm	5:11 pm
Mr LO Yuet-chau	"	2:59 pm	5:43 pm
Mr LUI Kai-wing	"	2:30 pm	5:41 pm
Mr MAK Tsz-kin	"	2:30 pm	5:43 pm
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	"	2:30 pm	3:30 pm
Mr NG Kam-hung	"	2:56 pm	5:12 pm
Ms NG Ting-lam	"	2:30 pm	3:52 pm
Mr SHEK William	"	2:30 pm	5:43 pm
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	"	3:02 pm	5:11 pm
Ms TSANG So-lai	"	3:51 pm	4:49 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	2:45 pm	5:34 pm
Mr WONG Ho-fung	"	2:30 pm	5:16 pm
Ms WONG Man-huen	"	2:45 pm	5:43 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	2:30 pm	5:17 pm
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	2:30pm	5:43 pm
Ms WONG Hei-lam, Helen (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) 2, Sha Tin District Office		

In Attendance

Ms HA Lok-yan, Loraine

Ms YEW Suet-yi, Mary

Ms LEE Mei-yee

Ms TAM Yuen-fun, Betty

Ms CHENG Siu-ling, Katy

Ms LEUNG Wai-shan, Cecilia

Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek

Title

Senior Integrity Education Officer,

Independent Commission Against Corruption

Assistant District Social Welfare officer (Sha Tin) 3,

Social Welfare Department

Senior Librarian (Sha Tin), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Chief Liaison Officer, Sha Tin District Office

Senior Liaison Officer (West), Sha Tin District Office

Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sha Tin District Office

In Attendance by Invitation

Ms WONG Sau-ken, Joe

Ms SAM Fung-mei, Esther

Mr LI Ho-yin, Simon

Ms NG Suk-min

Ms LEUNG Ho-pan, Pannie

Ms CHAN Wing-yee, Winnie

Ms YIP Man-wai, Bowie

Ms LAM Lai-shun

Ms NG Siu-fong

Title

District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Manager (NTE) Marketing and District Activities,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) 2,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Liaison Officer (East), Sha Tin District Office

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

Liaison Officer i/c (YP), Sha Tin District Office

Executive Assistant (District Council) 4, Sha Tin District Office

Secretary General, Sha Tin Arts Association

Activities Executive Officer, Sha Tin Art Association

Absent

Ms LUK Tsz-tung

Mr SHAM Tsz-kit, Jimmy

Mr YIP Wing

Mr HUI Yui-yu

Mr TSANG Kit

Title

DC Member

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Application for leave of absence received

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No application for leave of absence received

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Action

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

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 before the meeting:

Ms LUK Tsz-tung

Mr Jimmy SHAM

Mr YIP Wing

Official commitment

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Sickness

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

4. The Chairman proposed to add two agenda items, namely the approval of the funding applications of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis by the Culture, Sports and Community

Development Committee (CSCDC) and the funding of the Sha Tin District Council (District Council). He asked members whether they agreed to include the above two agenda items in the discussion of the funding application.

5. Members unanimously endorsed the above arrangement.

Discussion Items

Virement of Funding of the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee (Paper No. CSCD 48/2020)

6. The Chairman said that the CSCDC approved earlier a reservation of \$800,000 for the Dragon Boat Race. On 14 August 2020, the Sha Tin Sports Association notified the District Council to cancel the “Sha Tin Dragon Boat Race 2020 and Carnival” and withdrew the funding application for the event. Therefore, he proposed to deal with the above-mentioned fund originally reserved for organising the Dragon Boat Race in the form of virement of funding.

7. The Chairman said that he had invited the Secretary to contact the Sha Tin Sports Association to ask whether the association would cancel the funding application for this year. The secretary was invited to give a response.

8. Ms Helen WONG, Executive Officer (District Council) 2 of the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) said that she had contacted the Sha Tin Sports Association at the request of the Chairman. The association said that it would no longer apply for District Council funding for the Dragon Boat Race within this financial year.

9. Mr Michael YUNG asked whether the Sha Tin Sports Association had a letter stating that they had withdrawn their funding application for the Dragon Boat Race. He asked about the arrangement for the virement of funding. If the CSCDC opined that the reserved fund for the Dragon Boat Race did not need to be kept in the CSCDC, the relevant funds should be transferred to the reserve, and the Health and Environment Committee (HEC) should apply for funding, submit the application to the Finance and General Affairs Committee (FGAC) and the District Council for endorsement. He asked whether the Chairman of the CSCDC would communicate with the Chairman of the relevant committee and deal with the above matter in the subsequent meetings.

10. The Chairman said that the Sha Tin Sports Association had notified by letter on 14 August 2020 to announce the cancellation of the Dragon Boat Race due to the epidemic situation. For details, please refer to the annex. He said that after discussion with the Vice-chairman of the CSCDC, he contacted the Chairman of the District Council, the FGAC and the HEC and the Convenor of the Working Group on Enhancing the Public Health in Sha Tin District (Ad Hoc) for discussion, and opined that the relevant resources could be allocated for anti-epidemic purposes during the epidemic. He hoped that the CSCDC would endorse the arrangement regarding the above virement of funding first, and allocate the resources to appropriate places in the community as soon as possible.

11. Members unanimously endorsed the above arrangement of virement of funding.

12. The Chairman asked members to comment on which Expenditure Head the funding should be allocated to.

13. Mr CHAN Pui-ming said that the funding for Dragon Boat Race every year included the cost of dragon boat maintenance or purchase of equipment. He opined that the Sha Tin Sports Association would continue to apply for District Council funding to hold the Dragon Boat Race next year. If the association had a need to maintain equipment, the association could discuss with District Council as soon as possible. He said that the \$800,000 funding for the Dragon Boat Race could be used to purchase anti-epidemic items.

14. Ms Helen WONG said that the \$800,000 funding reserved by the CSCDC was used for holding the Dragon Boat Race. If the relevant organisation specified the expenditure on equipment on the application for holding the Dragon Boat Race, and the CDSDC and FGAC endorsed the approval of the relevant expenditure item, the relevant organisation could purchase the related equipment by holding this event.

15. Members unanimously endorsed the virement of the above \$800,000 funding to Expenditure Head 4 (Health and Environment) for epidemic prevention and anti-epidemic work.

Funding Application

Funding Application of the Sha Tin District National Education Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 39/2020)

16. The Chairman invited members to declare their interests. He said that members of the Sha Tin District National Education Committee (STDNEC) had to declare their interests only if they had other interests, such as being connected with the event contractor.

17. No member declared interest regarding the above funding application.

18. Ms Pannie LEUNG, Liaison Officer i/c (East) 2 of the STDO said that she had conveyed the opinions of the committee members of the CDSDC to the committee members of the STDNEC. The STDNEC opined that the relevant theme “ritual” was worth promoting to the public, and therefore the relevant theme would be retained. The committee had also reviewed the content of related activities and hoped to continue to hold related activities, and hoped to get the support of the CDSDC.

19. The views of Mr YAU Man-chun were summarised below:

- (a) he asked about the arrangements for handling activities under the epidemic situation. If the epidemic continues, he wondered whether there would be relevant budgets or backup plans; and
- (b) he said that he could consult the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) on whether such activities should continue to be held during the epidemic.

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

- (a) he asked whether adjustments could be made to the expenditure items of the funding application submitted by the STDNEC;

- (b) he asked whether holding these activities would arouse opposition in the current social atmosphere;
- (c) he asked whether the opinion of the CHP had been sought regarding the epidemic prevention and anti-epidemic work before holding these activities;
- (d) he said that under the epidemic situation, the STDO held these activities on the one hand, and reduced the number and time of the District Council meetings on the other. He opined that it was unreasonable; and
- (e) he said that the Government implemented the prohibition on group gathering on the one hand, and held crowd-intensive activities on the other, and people who were exempted from quarantine had also caused loopholes in the fight against the epidemic. He opined that the anti-epidemic work was inadequate.

21. Mr CHAN Pui-ming said that there were many organisations wishing to apply for holding bazaars recently, but the applications were rejected by the department due to the epidemic situation. However, the Government still planned to hold activities, so he believed that there was a double standard. In addition, he said that the Government was worried about the epidemic in winter, and thus cancelled the Legislative Council Election, but the STDNEC's funding application spanned the entire winter, and the funding application documents did not include anti-epidemic or backup arrangements. He asked whether the department would follow the practice of the Sha Tin Sports Association by cancelling the activities to avoid crowd gathering due to the epidemic.

22. Ms WONG Man-huen said that the Government had postponed the Legislative Council Election, but the funding application process of the STDNEC showed that there would be crowd gathering activities such as workshops and booth games, etc. She asked how to prevent asymptomatic patients from spreading the virus, and opined that the department should consider the arrangement under the epidemic and whether to continue to hold relevant activities.

23. Mr YAU Man-chun pointed out that none of the members present was also a member of the STDNEC. He opined that the relevant activities lacked the participation of the District Council, which would lead to the lack of transparency. He said that the District Council now only had the authority to approve activities, considering that the department should invite DC Members to join these committees, to learn about the operation of the activities.

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

- (a) he said that he had been a member of the STDNEC, and asked how many DC Members were the existing members of the Committee;
- (b) he said that the amount involved in the activity was \$200,000, and it was estimated that 2 000 people would participate, and the per capita cost was \$100. He opined that the cost was high, but the proportion of people who could participate in the activity was not high;
- (c) he said that students might not have enough school hours under the epidemic situation. In this case, he opined that the department might not be able to invite them to participate in these performances; and

- (d) he said that the relevant documents had not been revised in response to the discussions at the previous meeting, and that the department did not respond to the epidemic prevention concerns of the members, and the members should handle the relevant funding application carefully.

25. The Chairman said that the funding application of the STDNEC at the last meeting could not be proceeded was not because of insufficient information, but was due to the lack of quorum, which led to the suspension of the meeting.

26. The views of Mr Johnny CHUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he asked whether the department has applied for a Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence;
- (b) he asked if physical activities could not be held due to the epidemic, whether online activities would be held; and
- (c) he said that there were 56 ethnic groups in China, as for activities related to the “Standards for being a Good Pupil and Child” (“Di Zi Gui”) involving the culture of the Huaxia area, the living culture of relevant ethnic groups should be considered to be included, instead of only focusing on the culture of Huaxia or the Han people.

27. Mr CHAN Nok-hang said that under the epidemic situation, activities such as the “Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon” and National Day fireworks had been cancelled, which meant that it was not suitable to hold these large gathering activities for a period of time in the future. He opined that the activity applied by the STDNEC was ineffective, and there should not be so many gathering activities held during the epidemic.

28. Mr LO Yuet-chau asked whether the department could enumerate stories from the Analects and demonstrate how to teach participants the relevant ethics on the spot.

29. The Chairman pointed out that the representative of the STDO was the representative of the STDNEC. He said that the epidemic was his biggest concern, and he asked the representative of the STDO to give a response.

30. Ms Pannie LEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) she said that the committee would continue to review the development of the epidemic. If the workshop activities could not be held physically due to the epidemic, those activities would be switched to online teaching, and instructors would be arranged to make teaching videos to instruct the participants as a contingency plan;
- (b) as for the arrangement of the Family Fun Day, she said that if the epidemic continued, it would be cancelled, and an online version or board games making would be launched for the public to participate and learn the etiquette culture from the games;
- (c) she said that during the Family Fun Day, speakers would be invited to speak about stories of etiquette; and

- (d) as far as she was aware, there was no need to apply for a Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence.

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

- (a) he asked whether the department had evaluated how effective it would be to switch from a physical activity to an online activity, which would waste money under the principle of value for money;
- (b) he said that the District Council had invited the CHP, the Food and Health Bureau and relevant government departments for discussion regarding crowd gathering activities many times, but no response had been received yet;
- (c) he said that the STDO was not a professional department in epidemic prevention and anti-epidemic work. He asked whether the department had epidemiological cognition when formulating relevant activities, or whether it had consulted the CHP; and
- (d) he said that he would move a provisional motion to request relevant departments to send representatives to attend the meeting on funding applications to explain the epidemic prevention and anti-epidemic arrangements, in order to prevent the public from being infected when participating in these activities.

32. The views of Mr CHENG Chung-hang were summarised below:

- (a) he said that the “Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon” decided to cancel the event after weighing the risks, and there was already expenditure for the event in the preparatory stage, and he did not want to waste public funds. He asked the department when the first expenditure item of implementation of activity would be incurred. If relevant activity was cancelled at last, money would be wasted; and
- (b) he said that the targets of the relevant activity were primary and secondary school students, and the number of primary and secondary school students in Sha Tin District was close to 100 000, but the estimated number of participants for the activity was only 2 000. The cost-effectiveness was too low. He hoped that the resources of the District Council could be used appropriately.

33. Mr Johnny CHUNG suggested that the name of the event “Zhong Hua You Li” be changed to “Hua Xia You Li”. He said that a Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence was required to hold bazaars, and licences were required for speech activities, storytelling or exhibitions. He was worried that if the department held these activities without relevant licences, insurance issues would arise if any participant was injured.

34. Mr CHAN Pui-ming said that the cost of making board games was high. He was worried that the budget might be insufficient if the number of participants was estimated to be 2 000. He asked the department about the budget for making these board games and whether there would be other backup plans.

35. Ms Pannie LEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) she said that the backup plan for Family Fun Day would include the making of online board games for the public to participate online. She opined that the budget was sufficient, and if necessary, they could apply to the District Council for allocation of expenses;
- (b) she said that the estimated number of participants was required in the application form, instead of the target number of participants, so it was estimated to be about 2 000; and
- (c) she said that the department would monitor the epidemic situation, depending on whether physical activities could be held, and then review whether a licence was required for the activity.

36. Ms NG Suk-min, Senior Liaison Officer (East) of the STDO pointed out that when activities were held in the past, mini-games were created or tips would be added for the public to participate and browse online, and small gifts were also distributed to participants. She said that based on past experience, the STDO did not need to apply for any licence to perform on stage for carnival activities.

37. Mr CHENG Chung-hang asked about the cost and effectiveness if the relevant activity was to be held online. He also asked what online platform would be used for the activity and the expected number of visitors.

38. Mr Johnny CHUNG asked whether the department did not apply for the Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence because it was deemed unnecessary, or because government departments were exempted from applying for relevant licences when holding activities.

39. Ms Pannie LEUNG said that the public reacted positively to the “Tea” theme online activity last year. The number of page views of the online games was about 20 000 to 30 000 last year. This year, the committee planned to publicise and promote the committee's website to schools and produce souvenirs with the link of the website.

40. Ms NG Suk-min said that there were performers performing on stage in the past carnival activities held by the STDO, but they had not been required by the department to apply for the licence, and they did not apply for any relevant licence for the past activities. As for whether government departments were exempted, they need to check the information before replying to the members.

(Post-meeting note: The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department replied that if the activity was implemented or co-hosted by the Home Affairs Bureau or the Home Affairs Department, or if the activity was held in a venue under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), it could be exempted from applying for the Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence.)

41. The Chairman said that Mr Michael YUNG’s provisional motion had been received and he agreed to deal with it, and asked members whether they agreed to deal with the provisional motion.

42. Members unanimously agreed to deal with the provisional motion.

43. Mr Michael YUNG moved the following provisional motion:

“The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) strongly requests that the Food and Health Bureau, the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health and the Home Affairs Bureau send representatives to attend STDC meetings and explain the implementation details of the anti-epidemic and preventive measures of the national education and arts and culture promotion activities that the Home Affairs Department applied funding for, before the Committee handles the funding application.”

Mr CHAN Pui-ming, Ms WONG Man-huen, Mr LUI Kai-wing, Mr MAK Tsz-kin, Mr George WONG, Mr Raymond LI, Mr Felix CHOW, Ms NG Ting-lam, Mr HUI Lap-san, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Mr Johnny CHUNG, Mr SHEK William, Mr LO Yuet-chau, Mr Ricardo LIAO, Mr Billy CHAN, Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Mr WONG Ho-fung, Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr LAI Tsz-yan, Mr YAU Man-chun, and Mr CHEUNG Hing-wa seconded the motion.

44. The Chairman said that members had passed the invitation for the Secretary for Home Affairs to attend the District Council meeting. He also wrote to the Secretary for Home Affairs as the Chairman of the CSCDC. He said that the provisional motion involved the funding applications of the two committees, and the current discussion was about the funding applications of the STDNEC.

45. Mr Michael YUNG said that, the funding application of Sha Tin Culture and Arts Promotion Committee (STACC) also involved gathering activities, and now the Secretary for Home Affairs was invited to attend District Council meetings for exchanges in accordance with the Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders. He expressed dissatisfaction with the letter the Chairman had received from the STDO alleging that the funding from the District Council was unfair. He said that the members were not rubber stamps, and that the funding applications of both of the two committees required invitation of the Secretary of Home Affairs to the meeting to give a clear explanation.

46. The Chairman agree to strictly adhere to the rules, and said that he handled related matters in a fair, just and open manner whenever he received a letter. He said that the STACC had submitted a new funding application. It was recommended that the funding application of the STDNEC would be processed first, and the funding application of the STACC would be processed later.

47. Mr Michael YUNG amended the motion as follows:

“The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) strongly requests that the Food and Health Bureau, the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health and the Home Affairs Bureau send representatives to attend STDC meetings and explain the implementation details of the anti-epidemic and preventive measures of the national education activities that the Home Affairs Department applied funding for, before the Committee handles the funding application.”

Mr CHAN Pui-ming, Ms WONG Man-huen, Mr LUI Kai-wing, Mr MAK Tsz-kin, Mr George WONG, Mr Raymond LI, Mr Felix CHOW, Ms NG Ting-lam, Mr HUI Lap-san, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Mr Johnny CHUNG, Mr SHEK William, Mr LO Yuet-chau, Mr Ricardo LIAO, Mr Billy CHAN, Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Mr WONG Ho-fung, Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr LAI Tsz-yan, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr CHEUNG Hing-wa, Mr LO Tak-ming, Mr CHAN Wan-tung and Ms TSANG So-lai seconded the motion.

48. Members endorsed the above provisional motion unanimously.

Funding Application of the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee
(Paper No. CSCD 49/2020)

49. The Chairman said that the processing of the funding applications for the 10 activities submitted by the STACC previously were approved to be postponed on a provisional motion held at the meeting on 29 April this year, and the relevant applications were submitted to the meeting held on 2 July this year for members to approve, but it was not processed in time before the end of the meeting, so the preparatory work could not start until August. In response to the above situation, the STACC asked members to reconsider the 10 funding applications and 1 new funding application.

50. The Chairman asked the members to declare their interests. He said that if the members of the STACC had other interests, such as being associated with the event contractor, they needed to declare their interests.

51. The Chairman said that he and Mr MOK Kam-kwai were members of the STACC.

52. The Chairman invited the members of Sha Tin Arts Association Limited to declare their interests and reminded the members to make arrangements for the declaration of interests when approving the funding applications.

53. Mr CHING Cheung-ying declared that he was a director and vice-chairman of Sha Tin Arts Association Limited, but he was not responsible for carrying out this activity, and would abstain in the relevant voting.

54. Mr WAI Hing-cheung declared that he was a director of Sha Tin Arts Association Limited. He was not involved in the carrying out of the related activity directly, and would abstain from voting.

55. The Chairman said that Mr CHING Cheung-ying and Mr WAI Hing-cheung were in an executive capacity in Sha Tin Arts Association Limited. They were tier 2 in the arrangement of declaration of interests. They should remain silent during the discussion of the application concerned, and abstain from decision-making or voting for the application concerned.

56. Ms Winnie CHAN, Liaison Officer i/c (YP) of the STDO briefly introduced the content of the paper.

57. Mr Michael YUNG said that the relevant provisional motion would be submitted. He said that the control and guidelines for epidemic prevention were constantly changing, and he hoped to intensify the discussions with relevant departments on the arrangements for epidemic prevention. He said that there was a confirmed case in Hoi Nam District at the beginning of the epidemic in January this year. However, when District Council member Mr CHAN Pui-ming inquired the liaison officer of the STDO, he was told that there was no relevant information. He was dissatisfied on this issue. He said that the STDO was applying for funding at the moment, but the relevant departments did not attend the meeting to explain to the members the arrangement of the dedicated fund. The committee of the STDO also did not invite DC Members to join for monitoring. The members did not know whether the funding was used properly. Therefore, a provisional motion would be submitted to invite relevant departments to attend and explain, and the processing of relevant funding applications would be postponed. He opined that the top priority was to purchase anti-epidemic supplies for the public, instead of holding these singing and dancing activities. He asked whether the

Bureau had specified the dedicated fund when it submitted the budget to the Legislative Council.

58. Mr YAU Man-chun said that he hoped to set up a Facebook page for the Working Group on Public Relations and Publicity (Working Group) under the FGAC, but he had been given a hard time by the department for several months. However, the application form of the STACC indicated that it would be promoted on Facebook, and he opined that the standards of the STDO were not consistent. He opined that the department did not cooperate with the powers granted to the District Council by the District Councils Ordinance, making it difficult for the Working Group to work, and therefore he would veto the relevant funding.

59. Mr George WONG said that, the Working Group had repeatedly discussed the arrangement of live broadcasts for the District Council on Facebook or YouTube to increase transparency and promote the work of the District Council. However, the STDO said that the District Council funding had not been applied in relevant areas. Meanwhile, in the funding application of STACC, it was shown that Facebook was used as a publicity channel, and there were also Facebook live broadcast projects. He asked why the Working Group could not use Facebook to promote District Council.

60. Mr CHAN Pui-ming said that at the beginning of this year, the District Council encountered some restrictions when purchasing masks, and they needed to meet the specific colours and specifications of the Government Logistics Department. He asked the department the standard of procuring masks when holding activities, and hoped that the department would provide relevant documents for consideration.

61. Ms Winnie CHAN said that the STACC submitted the funding application to the CSCDC in hopes of obtaining funding from the District Council to implement the plan. However, since the preparation of relevant activities took time, and it had to be explained to the STACC, if the CSCDC failed to vote on the relevant funding in this meeting, it would be deemed as failure to approve the funding application today.

62. The Chairman said that the District Council wanted to communicate with government officials, so he disagreed with the speech of the Secretary of Home Affairs regarding District Council as a playground. The District Council took every funding application and agenda seriously. He said that the reason why the arrangements for using Facebook were different could be further followed up by the FGAC.

63. The Chairman said that the provisional motion moved by Mr Michael YUNG had been received and he agreed to deal with the provisional motion, and asked members whether they agreed to deal with the provisional motion.

64. Members unanimously agreed to deal with the provisional motion.

65. Mr Michael YUNG proposed the following provisional motion:

“The Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) strongly requests that the Food and Health Bureau, the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health and the Home Affairs Bureau send representatives to attend STDC meetings and explain the implementation details of the anti-epidemic and preventive measures of the arts and culture promotion activities that the Home Affairs Department applied funding for, before the Committee handles the funding application.”

Mr CHAN Pui-ming, Ms WONG Man-huen, Mr LUI Kai-wing, Mr MAK Tsz-kin, Mr George WONG, Mr Raymond LI, Mr Felix CHOW, Ms NG Ting-lam, Mr HUI Lap-san, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Mr Johnny CHUNG, Mr SHEK William, Mr LO Yuet-chau, Mr Ricardo LIAO, Mr Billy CHAN, Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Mr WONG Ho-fung, Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr LAI Tsz-yan, Mr YAU Man-chun and Mr CHEUNG Hing-wa seconded the motion.

66. Members endorsed the above provisional motion unanimously.

67. Ms Cecilia LEUNG, Senior Liaison Officer (West) of the STDO added that, apart from the fact that the funding application of STACC was deemed as failure to be approved at this CSCDC meeting, the STDO also understood that the STDNEC funding application also failed to be approved at this CSCDC meeting.

68. Mr Michael YUNG said that the STDO misunderstood the relevant provisional motion. The members did not veto the resolution, but postponed the processing of the funding application. He also asked the STDO to withdraw the relevant remarks.

69. Mr CHAN Pui-ming said that the information submitted by the department did not meet the standard. It was only extending the deadline for the department to submit relevant information. It was considered that the submission of the information was the responsibility of the department. The funding application of STDNEC also failed to mention relevant epidemic prevention arrangements.

70. Mr LO Yuet-chau said that he understood the relevant provisional motion was meant to postpone rather than reject the relevant funding applications. He said that the Working Group hoped to use Facebook as a promotional platform, but was rejected by the STDO. However, in this funding application, the STDO submitted a funding application for Facebook as a promotional platform. He opined that there was a double standard in the practice, and therefore agreed that the processing of relevant funding applications should be postponed.

71. The Chairman understood what the STDO meant, that is, the relevant funding application was regarded as failure to be approved at this meeting, and the provisional motion of the CSCDC had also been clearly expressed. He hoped to process the funding application after the relevant departments attended the CSCDC meeting and explained the details of the epidemic prevention and anti-epidemic application of the STDO's activities.

72. Mr Michael YUNG asked if the STDO would withdraw the remark.

73. Ms Katy CHENG, Chief Liaison Officer of the STDO agreed with the Chairman's view, and said that the STDO considered the funding applications of the STDNEC and the STACC not approved at this meeting.

74. The Chairman said that the meeting had been going on for more than half an hour. Members were required to make their remarks as concise as possible, avoid repeating the remarks just made by other members, and avoid unnecessary reading out of materials.

75. The Chairman said that the CSCDC had approved a clear provisional motion, and hoped the government departments would take note of the members' opinions.

Approval of the Funding Application of the Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis by the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee

76. The Chairman said that he received a letter from the STDO on 1 September 2020, which pointed out that the department received public complained about the conflict of interest of the members as members of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis, and that they did not properly declare their interest. The department hoped that members would review the two funding applications submitted by Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis. He stated that at the relevant meeting, three members declared their interests as members of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis, and then members of the public complained about issues related to the declaration of interest of Mr Raymond LI. He pointed out that according to the arrangement of the DC Members' declaration of interests when vetting funding applications at meetings, if the members were members of the relevant organisation that are in a nominal capacity, they should declare interest prior to the discussion but could still take part in the discussion, decision-making and voting. If the members were members of the relevant organisation that were in an executive capacity, they should declare interest to the meeting and should be silent during the discussion of the application concerned, and abstain from decision-making or voting for the application concerned. If the members were executors of the project, they should declare interest to the meeting and withdraw from the meeting during the discussion of the application concerned.

77. Mr Michael YUNG said that the Secretariat had not yet written the minutes of the relevant meeting, and asked the Secretary whether he has written the relevant part. He opined that the Secretary could read out the relevant content, otherwise it would be necessary to listen to the recording, as the relevant accusation was very serious, and law enforcement agencies might request assistance in investigations for criminal offences. Therefore, he asked the Secretary to read out the relevant parts of the minutes that had been written before they continued to discuss the relevant issues. In addition, he asked that if Mr Raymond LI had declared his interest at that time, whether they needed to re-approve the relevant funding application.

78. The Chairman said that the content of the letter from the STDO suggested that the CSCDC should re-approve the relevant funding application, but he also respected the opinions of the members. He said that he had received the first draft of the relevant minutes of the meeting and was reviewing it. He hoped to send it to the members as soon as possible. He said that the first draft was not a formal meeting record, and members could refer to the relevant meeting recordings.

79. Mr Michael YUNG said that since the Secretary had written the minutes of the meeting, he opined that the Secretary could read out the relevant paragraphs.

80. The Chairman said that the Secretary must wait for his approval before issuing the minutes of the meeting. He said that he could share the contents of the first draft with members.

81. Ms Helen WONG said that the first draft of the minutes had been submitted to the Chairman for consideration, and the Secretariat would not send it to the members until the Chairman had reviewed it. Since the first draft of the relevant meeting minutes had not yet been confirmed by the Chairman, the version of the first draft was still the first draft submitted to the Chairman. Since the first draft of the relevant minutes had not yet been sent to the members, the relevant paragraphs could not yet been read out. If the Chairman opined that it was appropriate, he could decide whether to disclose the relevant content to the members.

82. Mr Michael YUNG said that in order to safeguard the interests of the Chairman and the CSCDC, if the Chairman opined that there was no problem with the relevant part, he could invite the Secretary to read out the content. He was worried that if the Chairman read out the relevant content, he might be regarded as not being neutral.

83. The views of Mr Raymond LI were summarised below:

- (a) he hoped that enthusiastic members of the public could pay attention to whether all the previous funding applications of the District Council have similar problems;
- (b) he would like to know whether the request for the CSCDC to reconsider the relevant funding application was from the complainant or was proposed by the STDO. He asked whether the agenda needed to be re-examined when every complaint was received, and whether the relevant funding application violates the rules of procedure or laws; and
- (c) he said that members may not fully understand the relevant rules of procedure from the perspective of the department during the meeting. He was indeed a member of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis when approving relevant funding applications, and he also declared interests. He said that he had asked the Secretariat at the meeting as to whether the members of the organisation could stay in the meeting room and vote, and the answer was yes, so he voted based on relevant opinions.

84. The Chairman said that according to the letter, the STDO suggested that the CSCDC should re-approve the relevant funding applications. He said that he needed to look into the issue. If the CSCDC was not approving it properly, it needed to be amended. If there was nothing inappropriate, there would be no need to re-approve the relevant funding application.

85. Mr Raymond LI said that the STDO has assumed that he had done something improperly in the letter, otherwise it would not recommend the committee to review the relevant funding application. He did not understand why even though he had already declared his interests in accordance with the rules, it was advised by the STDO to re-approve the funding application. He opined that the content of the complaint might involve defamation.

86. The Chairman said that if the members of the relevant organisation were in a nominal capacity, they should declare their interests prior to the discussion but could still take part in the discussion, decision-making and voting. However, if the members were the spokespeople of the relevant organisation, they would be in an executive capacity. The members should remain silent during the discussion of the application concerned, and abstain from decision-making or voting for the application concerned. He asked Mr Raymond LI whether he was in an executive capacity in the relevant organisation when he was approving the funding application at the CSCDC on 16 June this year.

87. Mr Raymond LI said that on 16 June this year, he declared his interests as a member of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis, and he was indeed a member of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis at that time. He declared his interests without concealing his identity. He said that he was now the spokesperson for Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis, but he had not yet become the spokesperson for Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis at the time of the declaration of interests, and opined that the accusation was unreasonable.

88. The Chairman asked Mr Raymond LI whether he was the spokesperson of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis on 16 June this year.

89. Mr Raymond LI said that he was not the spokesperson of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis on 16 June. He also said that he had made no mistakes and did not understand why he needed to be questioned at the meeting.

90. Mr CHAN Pui-ming said that the minutes of relevant meetings had not been issued yet, and there was no basis for discussion, so relevant topics should not be discussed.

91. Mr YAU Man-chun said that if the public had any enquiries, they could deal with it after the meeting. Related matters should not be discussed at the meeting.

92. Mr LO Yuet-chau said that in his impression, all three relevant members declared their interests as members of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis, and the content of the related activities was positive. He did not understand the relationship between the complainant's accusation and the activity, and he did not know the content of the relevant complaint. He said that the relevant funding application was approved by the CSCDC. If it needed to be re-discussed, there must be a strong justification. He opined that the department should review the validity of the relevant complaint before submitting it to the CSCDC for discussion.

93. The Chairman said that Mr Raymond LI was a member of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis on 16 June this year. He was tier 1 in the arrangement of declaration of interests. It was reasonable to take part in the discussion and voting after declaration of interests because his was not in an executive capacity, and he did not become the spokesperson of the organisation until 7 July this year. There was no conflict with the practice at the meeting on 16 June this year. Therefore, he initially opined that Mr Raymond LI had clearly declared the relevant interests at that time, and he was not the spokesperson of the organisation or in an executive capacity. He opined that there was no need to re-examine the relevant funding applications for the CSCDC. If necessary, Mr Raymond LI could supplement relevant information.

94. Mr Ricardo LIAO said that he would like to know the substantive content of the complaint letter, asking whether the Secretariat could inform the members of the relevant content after covering the personal data of the complainant.

95. The Chairman said that the Government generally needed the consent of the complainant to disclose the relevant content. He said that on 16 June this year, the CSCDC voted to process the funding application, and Mr Raymond LI was accused of being the spokesperson of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis. If a member belonged to tier 2 in the arrangement of declaration of interests, the member should not take part in the discussion and voting. He said that according to Mr Raymond LI, he was a member of the organisation on 16 June this year and had declared his interest.

96. Mr Michael YUNG said that the question was whether Mr Raymond LI made a full declaration of interest at the meeting on 16 June this year. If he was a member of Societas Linguistica Hongkongensis instead of the spokesperson on the day of voting, he was in a nominal capacity, and the relevant declaration of interest was made, the case should be closed. He opined that the STDO should ask the person involved instead of the Chairman. He said that the current way of handling may affected the law enforcement from the judiciary in the future and it would be unfair to Mr Raymond LI. He pointed out that it should be handled with caution after the minutes of the meeting

were issued.

97. The Chairman said that he hoped that the incident would be preliminary clarified, and the relevant agenda was added in order to let that the Council become more transparent. He opined that if Mr Raymond LI was not in an executive capacity in the organisation on 16 June this year, it wouldn't be necessary to re-approve the relevant funding application. He said that the relevant approach was to indemnify the council and review the funding application if necessary, but he initially opined that there was no need to review the relevant funding application.

98. Mr YAU Man-chun said that the CSCDC should not discuss related agenda, which violated the procedural justice. He said that after receiving the complaint, the department should check the relevant meeting minutes to learn about the incident, and ask Mr Raymond LI about the relevant complaint privately instead of submitting it to the CSCDC for discussion.

99. Mr Raymond LI asked whether the department added an agenda for discussion whenever they receive complaints from the public. He expressed dissatisfaction with the department's arrangement and did not understand why the department needed to write to the Chairman without any influence on the Council and the agenda, requesting to review the relevant funding application. He hoped that other members would not respond to this agenda after his remark.

100. The Chairman said that he hoped to clarify the issue. There was no need to deal with it if there was nothing inappropriate. If there was any misunderstanding, it was necessary to deal with as soon as possible to safeguard the interests of the Council. He asked the Secretary to reflect the views of the members to the superiors and announced the end of relevant discussions.

Funding Application of Sha Tin District Council

101. The Chairman said that he had received a letter from the STDO saying that the department had received a complaint about adding a funding guideline "associated with political party or political organisation" by the Working Group on Screening of Funding Application (Ad Hoc). It was recommended that the CSCDC should review the funding applications of local organisations in various expenditure sections under the "Procedures and Rules, Forms of Application for Sha Tin District Council Funds". He said that if there were ambiguities of the approval standards, it was suggested that they could be reviewed in the FGAC or related working groups.

102. Mr Michael YUNG said that funding applications were approved strictly since the current-term District Council did not want to inherit the bad habit of funding application approval from the last-term District Council. He suggested that the Secretary for Home Affairs should be invited to attend the District Council meeting and face the current DC Members instead of appointing former members to join the committee of the Home Affairs Bureau. He reiterated that the Council did not reject the funding application submitted by the STDO at this meeting, but the department failed to respond to the concerns of the members, and the members had given them a way out. He opined that there was no need to discuss relevant issues at the meeting.

103. The Chairman said that he had already written to the Secretary for Home Affairs, requesting him to attend the District Council meeting as soon as possible. He suggested that in the future, the funding application procedures and rules of the District Council could be reviewed in the FGAC or related working groups.

104. Mr CHING Cheung-ying said that since the approval of funding this year, many complaints had been received, and expression of dissatisfaction could also be seen from newspapers. He agreed that the relevant arrangements could be reviewed in the relevant working groups in order to see if it was necessary to make any adjustment, or if the interpretation needed to be clarified.

105. The Chairman said that he agreed with Mr CHING Cheung-ying, and ended the discussion.

Question

Question to be Raised by Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung on the LCSD's Outdoor Recreation and Sports Facilities in Sha Tin

(Paper No. CSCD 42/2020)

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

- (a) he learned that the LCSD was about to provide additional lockers to the Sha Tin Sports Ground. He asked whether additional lockers would be provided to the Ma On Shan Sports Ground as well because the existing lockers were insufficient;
- (b) he asked about the maintenance of the water fountains, and the time and reason of replacing the filters. He suggested that the filters should be replaced more frequently to ensure hygiene;
- (c) he took the soccer pitches field in the district as an example, there was problem of protrusion of turf in the kick-off circle and the penalty area. The turf of grass pitches in Hin Tin Playground was particularly bad. He asked about the timetable for replacing the turf;
- (d) he said that according to the "Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines", Sha Tin District currently still lacked an 11-a-side soccer pitch. He asked whether there was enough land for development; and
- (e) he expressed disappointment that the Housing Department and Planning Department did not send representatives to attend the meeting.

107. Mr CHEUNG Hing-wa asked about the replacement of water fountains' filters in sports grounds. He opined that the department took too long to replace the filters and was worried that it would affect the health of the public. He asked the department why it replaced the filters only after receiving complaints. In addition, he said that the open space near Lung Hang Estate and King Tin Court were burial ground. He did not understand why the Planning Department listed the relevant locations as planned but not yet developed open space.

108. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarized below:

- (a) he was concerned about the replacement of filters in the water fountain in the sports grounds. He pointed out that the number of filter replacements in the Ma On Shan Sports Ground in 2017 was unusually frequent, but then the interval was as long as 8 to 9 months. He asked about the reason and the standard of filter replacement; and

- (b) he was concerned about the planning of open space at Hang Fai Street and near Mui Tsz Lam Road. He pointed out that the planned site near Mui Tsz Lam Road had been taken over by the Drainage Services Department as a district liaison centre. He asked the LCSD whether the site would be taken over and developed into a park in the future.

109. Mr CHAN Pui-ming said that according to Paper No. HE 46/2015 of 2015 Health and Environmental Committee, it showed that the LCSD responded that the filters of the water fountains would be replaced once every three months. He asked whether the department had relaxed the relevant standards. In addition, he inquired about the development plan of Hang Fai Street open space. He also said that part of the open space was temporarily used as tentative short-term tenancy parking lots, but there were not enough parking spaces in the district. He opined that the problem of land mismatch was serious, and he wanted to know how the land use of these unused or open spaces would be dealt with.

110. Ms Joe WONG, District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) of the LCSD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the water fountains in Sha Tin Sports Ground and Ma On Shan Sports Ground used the same style of filters, which could be used for about 12 months under normal circumstances. Since reports had been received from site users that the water from the water fountains at the Ma On Shan Sports Ground had a peculiar smell, after the evaluation of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the number of filter and UV lamp replacements had been increased. The situation had improved and the number of replacements had been changed to once a year;
- (b) she agreed that the turf quality of the grass pitch at Hin Tin Playground was not satisfactory. Since the soccer pitch had been used for many years, it was included in the plan to be converted into an artificial turf surfaces soccer pitch, but it was delayed due to the impact of the Shatin to Central Link project. The renovation project was expected to start by the end of this year; and
- (c) the planning of new facilities was coordinated by colleagues from the planning unit at the headquarters. The department was willing to conduct on-site inspections with the members regarding the members' concerns about the development site.

111. Mr Michael YUNG said that the project of the open space near Mui Tsz Lam Road had been discussed for more than 10 years, and he was disappointed that the department still had no relevant plans. He said that the relevant discussions were recorded in papers and minutes of meeting. He also wrote to the Director of the LCSD to inquire about the land use arrangements. The department also received suggestions and indicated the need to revitalise the site. However, the site was overgrown with weeds. He asked the department to take up as soon as possible.

112. Mr Billy CHAN was pleased to see that the artificial turf surfaces of Hin Tin Playground was planned to be replaced. He asked whether there would be additional lockers in the Ma On Shan Sports Ground, and whether there were locker facilities near the hard-surface soccer pitches and the 11-a-side soccer pitches that belonged to the LCSD, because it was not safe for the public to place property behind the goal. He asked whether the department would provide more lockers. He also asked whether the LCSD needed to wait until the outstanding projects of the former Regional Council were completed before implementing the plans for the open space. He hoped that the construction of these livelihood facilities would be sped up.

113. Mr CHEUNG Hing-wa asked about the usage and rental situation of the lockers, whether the public need to borrow keys from the staff when using the lockers in the sports grounds, and whether the department could know the utilisation rate of the lockers from the key borrowing records, and he hoped the department could keep the relevant information.

114. Ms Joe WONG said that the LCSD was planning different projects in an orderly manner. As the planning and follow-up arrangements were coordinated by the planning team, relevant information was not yet available. She said she would follow up the matter after learning the details.

115. Mr Simon LI, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Shatin) 2 of the LCSD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) there were currently about 300 lockers in the Ma On Shan Sports Ground. The department would review their usage from time to time. Provision of additional lockers would be considered if it was necessary and the spaces were available;
- (b) outdoor storage cages would be installed on some hard-surface soccer pitches, and the public could bring padlocks to use related facilities. The department would also review the storage facilities of hard-surface soccer pitches and basketball courts in the district. If the locations were available, it would be planned to install related facilities (Post-meeting note: LCSD would install storage cages on six outdoor hard-surface soccer pitches, and the project was expected to be completed within half a year); and
- (c) members of the public who borrowed lockers in sports grounds needed to register at the office. As it involved the personal data of the members of the public, the relevant data would be destroyed after 3 months. The department took note of the committee's proposal to keep borrowing records to evaluate the usage of the facilities.

Date of Next Meeting

116. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 29 October 2020 (Thursday).

117. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm.

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