

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of
the Social Services Committee (2016-2017) of
the Tuen Mun District Council

Date : 19 January 2016 (Tuesday)
Time : 9:54 a.m.
Venue : Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

<u>Present</u>		<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Ms SO Ka-man (Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong (Vice-chairman)	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, MH	TMDC Vice-chairman	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TO Sheck-yuen, MH	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, MH, JP	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSUI Fan	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms LUNG Shui-hing	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Hang-fai	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	10:41 a.m.
Mr HO Kwan-yiu	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YIP Man-pan	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YEUNG Chi-hang	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YAN Siu-nam	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TAM Chun-yin	TMDC Member	9:54 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAU Chun-fai, Lawrence (Secretary)	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

In Attendance

Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member

Mr NG Koon-hung	TMDC Member
Mr AU Chi-yuen	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member
Mr LAU Kam-kuen, David	District Officer (Tuen Mun), Home Affairs Department
Ms FUNG Ngar-wai, Aubrey	District Officer (Tuen Mun) (Designate), Home Affairs Department
Mr LO Chun-hang, Simpson	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)1, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEUNG Wai-shing, William	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)2, Home Affairs Department
Ms KOO Kit-yee, Angie	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr CHAU Ka-nin, Eric	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Ms HO Ka-man, Carmen (Assistant Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council)1, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department

Opening Remarks

Mr LEUNG Kin-man, the Chairman of the TMDC, welcomed Members of the Social Services Committee (“SSC”) to the first meeting of the SSC.

2. Mr LEUNG Kin-man said that according to the TMDC Standing Orders, a committee should elect its chairman and vice-chairman at the first meeting of the committee in each term, and the TMDC Chairman or Vice-chairman should preside over the meeting for the election of the committee’s chairman and vice-chairman. Therefore, he stated that he would be presiding over this meeting until the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the SSC were elected.

I. Election of SSC Chairman

3. Mr LEUNG Kin-man said that Section 71(3) of the District Councils Ordinance provided that a committee of a District Council (“DC”) was to elect a member of the committee who was also a member of the DC as the chairman of the committee. On 6 January 2016, the Secretariat had sent the membership lists of the committees and the nomination forms for the committees’ chairmen and vice-chairmen to all Members. The nomination period had closed at 5:00 p.m. on 12 January and the Secretariat had sent the list of the validly-nominated candidates to all Members on the same day.

4. Mr LEUNG Kin-man further said that the Secretariat had received two nominations for SSC Chairman by the end of the nomination period. He read out the details of the two nominations, which were arranged in order of the candidates’ identity card numbers, as follows:

First Nomination

Nominee: Ms HO Hang-mui
Nominated by: Ms KONG Fung-yi
Subscribed by: Ms Catherine WONG and Mr YAN Siu-nam

Second Nomination

Nominee: Ms SO Ka-man
Nominated by: Ms CHING Chi-hung
Subscribed by: Mr CHAN Yau-hoi and Mr MO Shing-fung

5. Mr LEUNG Kin-man said that a vote on the two candidates would be conducted in accordance with Appendix 9 of the TMDC Standing Orders. He asked Members to note the following points:

- (i) The staff of the Secretariat would soon distribute to each SSC Member a ballot paper printed with the names of the validly-nominated candidates. Affixed at the back of each ballot paper was the stamp of the Tuen Mun District Office;
- (ii) The names shown on the ballot papers were arranged in order of candidates’ identity card numbers;
- (iii) No proxy vote would be accepted in the election, and the vote would be conducted by secret ballot;
- (iv) A Member should use a black ball pen provided on the table to put a “✓” sign in the box on the right-hand side of the name of the candidate of the Member’s choice. A ballot paper would be considered void if it was found marked with other signs or words;
- (v) During the vote, if necessary, a Member might request a new ballot paper in replacement of a mistakenly marked ballot paper. The staff of the Secretariat would mark the word “cancelled” on the mistakenly marked ballot paper;

- (vi) The candidate who received an absolute majority of votes would be elected as the chairman of the committee; and
- (vii) An absolute majority of votes meant that the candidate received more than half of the valid votes cast excluding abstentions.

6. A Member asked the two candidates whether they intended to talk about their platforms or aspirations.

7. Mr LEUNG Kin-man asked the two candidates whether they intended to talk about their platforms. In response, the two candidates both indicated that they wished to speak. Mr LEUNG Kin-man then invited the two candidates to talk about their platforms or aspirations.

8. Ms HO Hang-mui, the first candidate said that she hoped to bring in a new culture. She also hoped that the views of members of the public of Tuen Mun District could reach the council through Members of the SSC so as to facilitate a better development of the district. She also expressed the hope that Members would give her support.

9. Mr LEUNG Kin-man invited Ms SO Ka-man, the second candidate to speak.

10. Candidate Ms SO Ka-man said that she hoped to continue the follow-ups on issues of which progress had not been pursued due to the suspension of operation of the TMDC, for example, the former site of Siu Lam Hospital. She also hoped to continue her efforts in medical and rehabilitation services, community education and youth services of Tuen Mun District by pooling Members' wisdom as well as maintaining closer communication and cooperation with Members. She said that she had actively participated in the work of the three working groups under the SSC, including serving as the Convenor of the Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services, and that she had also joined the Working Group on Community Care and the Working Group on Education and Youth Services. Moreover, she stated that she had experience in presiding over meetings because she had served as the Vice-chairman of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee. She hoped that Members would give her support so that she could have the opportunity to continue to serve the TMDO and members of the public in Tuen Mun District.

11. After the two candidates had spoken, Mr LEUNG Kin-man asked the Secretariat to distribute ballot papers to Members of the SSC. The Secretariat then distributed a ballot paper to each Member and showed Members that there were no ballot papers in the ballot box.

12. Mr LEUNG Kin-man asked Members to fold the marked ballot papers and put them into the ballot box when the staff of the Secretariat came to them with the ballot box.

13. After the last Member cast his vote, Mr LEUNG Kin-man announced the close of the vote in which 22 ballot papers were distributed. He said that interested Members might come forward to observe the counting of votes but were not allowed to touch the ballot papers.

14. Mr LEUNG Kin-man announced the voting result after counting of votes. Candidate Ms HO Hang-mui received 8 votes whereas candidate Ms SO Ka-man received 14 votes, and there were neither invalid votes nor blank votes. Mr LEUNG Kin-man formally announced that Mr SO Ka-man was elected as the SSC Chairman for the term

starting from the day of this meeting until 31 December 2017.

II. Election of SSC Vice-chairman

15. Mr LEUNG Kin-man stated that pursuant to Order 33(3) of the TMDC Standing Orders, a committee might elect a member who was also a TMDC Member as the vice-chairman of the committee.

16. Mr LEUNG Kin-man said that the Secretariat had received two nominations for SSC Vice-chairman by the end of the nomination period. He read out the details of the two nominations, which were arranged in order of the candidates' identity card numbers, as follows:

First Nomination

Nominee: Ms HO Hang-mui
Nominated by: Ms KONG Fung-yi
Subscribed by: Ms Catherine WONG and Mr YAN Siu-nam

Second Nomination

Nominee: Mr TSANG Hin-hong
Nominated by: Ms LUNG Shui-hing
Subscribed by: Ms CHING Chi-hung and Mr YIP Man-pan

17. Mr LEUNG Kin-man said that a vote on the two candidates would be conducted in accordance with Appendix 9 of the TMDC Standing Orders. The important points to note on the voting procedure had just been explained and would thus not be repeated.

18. The Secretariat then distributed a ballot paper to each Member and showed Members that there were no ballot papers in the ballot box.

19. Mr LEUNG Kin-man asked Members to fold the marked ballot papers and put them into the ballot box when the staff of the Secretariat came to them with the ballot box.

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21. Mr LEUNG Kin-man announced the voting result after counting of votes. Candidate Ms HO Hang-mui received 8 votes whereas candidate Mr TSANG Hin-hong received 14 votes, and there were neither invalid votes nor blank votes. Mr LEUNG Kin-man formally announced that Mr TSANG Hin-hong was elected as the SSC Vice-chairman for the term starting from the day of this meeting until 31 December 2017.

22. As the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the SSC had been elected, Mr LEUNG Kin-man turned the meeting over to the SSC Chairman.

[The SSC Chairman started to preside over the meeting at this point.]

III. Other Business

23. The Chairman expressed gratitude to Mr LEUNG Kin-man and thanked Members for their support and trust. She said that she would continue her efforts for the betterment of Tuen Mun District.

24. A Member opined that as the terms of reference of the SSC covered a wide range of areas, it was hoped that the efforts and wisdom of the Chairman and Members could be pooled together with a view to addressing problems in Tuen Mun residents' daily lives, for example, school place and health care issues.

25. The Chairman thanked the Member for her views and said that she believed that Members were all concerned about various problems in Tuen Mun District. She also expressed the hope that closer communication and cooperation among Members could be maintained.

IV. Date of the Next Meeting

26. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

27. The Chairman said that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 9:30 a.m., 8 March 2016 (Tuesday). Subject to the TMDC's official endorsement of the schedule of meetings, the Secretariat would write to Members informing them of the confirmed dates of meetings. Members who wished to submit papers might provide the papers for the Secretariat 10 clear working days before the next meeting, i.e. on or before 22 February tentatively.

[Post-meeting note: The said schedule of meetings was endorsed at the second meeting of the TMDC held on 19 January 2016]

Tuen Mun District Council Secretariat
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