

Minutes of the 1st Meeting in 2025
of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
of Tai Po District Council

Date: 9 January 2025 (Thursday)
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:01 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”)

Present

Time of Arrival

Time of Withdrawal

Chairman

Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
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Vice-chairman

Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, BBS, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
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Members

Mr. LEE Man-kit	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEE Hon-cheung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LAM Yick-kuen, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WU Cheuk-him	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Tsz-kin	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Yung-wa	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Siu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WAN Koon-kau	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WONG Wai-tung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, SBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LO Hiu-fung, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. YIP Yan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHENG Sze-wang	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting

Secretary

Miss CHAN Yin-ning, Elaine	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
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Executive Officer (District Council) 1 /
Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) /
Home Affairs Department (“HAD”)

In Attendance

Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris	District Leisure Manager (Tai Po) / Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”)
Ms. CHAN Wing-yee, Pion	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Tai Po / LCSD
Ms. OR Hiu-man, Stella	Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion / LCSD
Ms. LAU Fung-yi, Connie	Manager (New Territories East) Marketing & District Activities / LCSD
Miss LEE Mei-yee, May	Senior Librarian (Tai Po) / LCSD
Ms. CHAN Lai-tak	Senior School Development Officer (Tai Po) 3 / Education Bureau (“EDB”)
Ms. HUEN Lai-yan, Sara	Senior Executive Officer (District Council)(Designate) / TPDO / HAD
Ms. WONG Sze-man, Queenie	Senior Liaison Officer (2) / TPDO / HAD

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed participants to the 1st meeting in 2025 of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CCRC”), and Ms. HUEN Lai-yan, Sara, Senior Executive Officer (District Council)(Designate), to be in attendance of the meeting.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 6th meeting in 2024 of the CCRC on 7 November 2024

2. The Chairman reported that as the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendments prior to the meeting, and no Members on the floor had put forward any amendments, the captioned minutes therefore were confirmed.

II. Leisure and Cultural Services Department — Report on participation in community activities held between November and December 2024 and proposed community activities to be held in January and February 2025 in Tai Po District **(TPDC Paper No. CCR 1/2025)**

3. The representative of LCSD reported on Appendix I to the captioned paper. The attendance report of cultural programmes held and sponsored by the LCSD in Tai Po District between November and December 2024, as well as details of the proposed activities to be held in January and February 2025 were set out in Annexes I and II respectively for Members’ reference.

4. The representative of LCSD reported in connection with Appendix II to the captioned paper that Annexes I and II set out the attendance at extension activities of Tai Po Public Library (“TPPL”) and the utilisation of libraries in November and December 2024 respectively, while Annex III set out the extension activities proposed to be held in January and February 2025 for Members’ reference. With reference to Members’ views, the department had set up an area for display of national security education (“NSE”) books in TPPL, and an exhibition of NSE books would be held in April to publicise the “National Security Education Day”. The department would hold the programme of “STEAM Fun Day: Amazing Ocean and Light in Tai Po” on 11 January at Tai Yuen Community Hall, Tai Po. The e-poster had been sent to Members by email earlier, whereas posters printed in physical form had just been distributed to Members via the Secretariat. It was hoped that Members would help publicise the programme and take an active part in it.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had distributed the posters of “STEAM Fun Day: Amazing Ocean and Light in Tai Po” to DC Members on 6 January.)

5. A Member thanked the department for its assistance in attempting to adjust the location of the mobile library service point at Kwong Fuk Estate to facilitate the use by residents.

6. CCRC noted the above report.

III. Education Bureau – Report on the education matters in Tai Po District

7. The representative of EDB said that the schools in the district had been in normal operation in general since the last meeting.

8. CCRC noted the above report.

IV. Any other business

9. The Chairman said that he and Mr. WONG Wai-tung would attend the Launch Ceremony of the District Anti-Phone Deception Ambassador Scheme for appointment as the ambassadors, and an anti-scam information seminar to be held by the Office of the Communications Authority (“OFCA”) on 16 January 2025, and they would be officiating guests of the appointment and launch ceremony. Members were asked to take note that the Chairman of TPDC had given consent for the OFCA to display the logo of TPDC at the ceremony and in other relevant publicity materials.

10. Members' raised other issues as follows:

- (i) Many members of the public praised the exquisite calendars produced by the TPDO and TPDC. It was suggested that the calendars be printed earlier in the coming year.
- (ii) It was suggested that the relevant departments fix the unevenness of the pavement at the end of Tai Po Waterfront Park ("TPWP") to ensure pedestrian safety.
- (iii) It was suggested that the LCSD report on the proposed renovation of its facilities so that Members could inform the public of the relevant temporary measures.
- (iv) It was suggested that the relevant departments carry out renovation works on the cycle track in TPWP and relocate the bicycle parking spaces thereon to more suitable locations.
- (v) They asked about how to handle the calendars that had yet to be distributed.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had noted Members' views on the printing of calendars and had distributed the remaining calendars to Tai Po residents.)

11. The Chairman asked the LCSD to take note of Members' views and conduct site visits with Members as necessary. He then suggested that Members follow up on the cycle track project in TPWP at the Traffic and Transport Committee.

12. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) It was suggested that the text colour and thickness of the lines be enhanced in the wall calendar for next year to facilitate the use by the elderly.
- (ii) They asked about the progress of renovation of the wooden bridge next to the Spiral Lookout Tower in TPWP.
- (iii) They reflected that as the poor network signals at the car park of Tai Po Tung Cheong Street Leisure Building had affected the use of electronic payment tools, they hoped that the department would improve the situation.
- (iv) They asked about the progress of the study on the provision of additional table tennis or badminton facilities in TPWP.
- (v) They asked about the progress of the construction of skateparks in TPWP.
- (vi) It was suggested that the TPDO make good use of the copyright of the cartoon figure "Milk Dragon (奶龍)" for publicity purposes within the time limit for use.

13. The representative of TPDO pointed out that the time limit for use of the copyright of the cartoon figure “Milk Dragon” had expired. The TPDO had taken note of Members’ views and would take them as a reference in organising future activities.

14. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) It was suggested that the LCSD consider installing additional electrical equipment at Formal Garden of TPWP so as to provide adequate electricity supply for organising large-scale activities in future.
- (ii) It was hoped that Members would assist in publicising Tai Po District Orchestra by providing performance opportunities when organising activities in the district.
- (iii) It was suggested that the background colour of the wall calendar be lightened and the font size be increased to highlight the date.
- (iv) They asked about the progress of the facility upgrading works of Tai Po Civic Centre (“TPCC”).
- (v) They asked whether the EDB would have a brief on The Pentecostal Holiness Church Wing Kwong Junior School (“PHCWKJS”) for Members’ reference.
- (vi) Since many roads in Fu Tip Estate were within the scope of emergency access and might not be used for the parking of a mobile library van (“MLV”), it was suggested that the department explore the feasibility of parking the MLV at the entrance of PHCWKJS.
- (vii) They asked about the details of the activities or performances for the reopening of TPCC as well as the booking procedure for facilities.
- (viii) They asked about the allocation of secondary school places in Tai Po District last year and the number of students commuting to schools in other districts, as well as the number of secondary school places in Tai Po District this year.

15. The representative of EDB responded as follows:

- (i) Members were advised to contact PHCWKJS direct to obtain the relevant information.
- (ii) She would supplement the number of students commuting from other districts to schools in the district last year after the meeting.
- (iii) The bureau would issue the class approval letters to schools in the second term and, by then, Members would be informed of the number of secondary school places in Tai Po District this year.

16. A Member said that, to his understanding, there was a shortage of secondary-school entrants in Tai Po District this year. As such, the School Places Allocation Section would allocate the remaining Secondary One places in the district to students in the North District.

17. The Chairman suggested that Members give their views to the TPDO when discussing the design of the calendar at the end of this year.

18. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) They added that the number of applications for admission in the middle of a school term to Secondary Two to Secondary Five levels had increased significantly last year, but the number of places for late admission in secondary schools in the district was small. As such, it was very likely that students who had to go to schools in other districts were not Secondary One entrants.
- (ii) Last year, they frequently received requests for assistance from residents of Fu Tip Estate regarding application for school places in the district for admission of students in the middle of a school term. It was suggested that the bureau consider increasing the number of places at different class levels so that students who were currently commuting to study in schools in other districts could study in their home districts.
- (iii) It was hoped that the LCSD would follow up on the problem of excessively low water temperature in the Jacuzzi of Tung Cheong Street Swimming Pool and improve the admission arrangements for swimmers using monthly tickets and single admission.

19. The Chairman said that Members were welcome to give their views to the LCSD and they were asked to discuss matters relating to leisure and cultural activities at CCRC while views on the facilities of LCSD could be raised at the meetings of District Facilities and Works Committee.

V. Date of next meeting

20. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 6 March 2025 (Thursday).

21. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.