

**Minutes of the 1st Meeting in 2026**  
**of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee**  
**of Tai Po District Council**

Date: 8 January 2026 (Thursday)  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:22 a.m.  
Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”)

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Arrival</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Withdrawal</u></b>
<b><u>Chairman</u></b>		
Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<b><u>Vice-chairman</u></b>		
Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, BBS, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<b><u>Members</u></b>		
Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEE Man-kit	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. MUI Ching-hung, MH	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



minutes therefore were confirmed.

## II. Leisure and Cultural Services Department – Report on the opening of Tai Po Civic Centre

3. The representative of LCSD reported as follows:

- (i) With the completion of its facility upgrading works, the Tai Po Civic Centre (“TPCC”) had fully reopened since 30 December 2025. Facilities included the Auditorium, Black Box Theatre (“BBT”), Function Rooms, Foyer Exhibition Area and outdoor areas, etc.
- (ii) The URBTIX box office and Self-service Ticketing Kiosk in the foyer had commenced service to facilitate customers to purchase and collect tickets.
- (iii) The department would hold an Open Day from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on 10 January 2026 for members of the public to view the new look of the TPCC.
- (iv) To align with the TPCC’s positioning to promote youth arts, the programmes of the Open Day would cover a variety of genres to encourage youth participation. These included music and dance performances, workshops, booths, as well as a sharing session and guided tour on architectural features and a backstage tour.
- (v) The department thanked Members for their support and assistance in the promotion of the Open Day, and hoped that more members of the public of the district would participate in the event.

4. Members’ questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked about the department’s estimated number of participants of the Open Day.
- (ii) They asked about the procedures of hiring venues and the present hiring situation of the venues.
- (iii) They asked about the number of participants of the Warm-up Programmes.
- (iv) They asked whether the department would hold an opening ceremony.

5. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The preliminary estimates placed the number of Open Day participants at around 1 000 to 2 000.

- (ii) Members of the public could submit an application for hiring a venue through general hiring procedures. Detailed information would be supplemented after the meeting.
- (iii) Between September and November 2025, the department had received 324 and 97 applications for the Auditorium and BBT respectively, and none for the Foyer Exhibition Area as yet.
- (iv) Before the Open Day, the Department would hold various Warm-up Programmes to test the admission procedures and technical equipment of the Auditorium and BBT. The programmes would have relatively few attendees due to the tighter time frame for promotion.
- (v) An opening ceremony would be held at 3 p.m. at the Auditorium on the day of the TPCC Open Day.

(Post-meeting note: Ordinary booking for the TPCC accepts applications within three to seven months prior to the month of hire. Completed application forms must reach the TPCC booking office by 5:30 p.m. on the last working day (i.e. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)) of the month in which applications are accepted, or be submitted online via the LCSD Performance Venues e-Application & Payment Services ([https://eaps.lcsd.gov.hk/ccms\\_eaps/LCSD/main.zul?lang=EN](https://eaps.lcsd.gov.hk/ccms_eaps/LCSD/main.zul?lang=EN)). Please refer to the following webpage for details:

<https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/tpcc/hiringinformation/hiringinformation.html>)

6. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) They suggested that the department provide Members with the web links for events, to facilitate promotion to members of the public.
- (ii) They suggested that the department promote to schools in the district, which would help increase the number of participants of events.
- (iii) They suggested that the department consider optimising the arrangements for booking venues, so that schools in the district could book for graduation ceremonies.
- (iv) They suggested that the department consider setting up a ballot system at the start of the school year, for schools in the district interested in hiring a venue to take part in a ballot and book in advance.

7. The Chairman hoped that the department would actively consider Members' comments.

8. The representative of LCSD noted Members' comments and would reflect to the relevant

sections.

9. CCRC noted the above report.

**III. Leisure and Cultural Services Department – Report on the participation in community activities held between November and December 2025, and proposed community activities to be held in January and February 2026 in Tai Po District**  
**(TPDC Paper No. CCR 1/2026)**

10. The representative of LCSD reported on Appendix I to the captioned paper, outlining the attendance report of cultural programmes held and sponsored by the department in Tai Po District between November and December 2025, as well as the proposed activities to be held in January and February 2026, details of which were set out in Annexes I and II respectively for Members' reference.

11. 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 and the utilisation of libraries in November and December 2025 respectively, and Annex III set out the extension activities proposed to be held in January and February 2026 for Members' reference.

12. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) They suggested that the department consider holding cultural and recreational events or concerts at transitional housing (such as Good House, Trackside Villas and Lok Sin Village), so that residents would feel cared for and supported.
- (ii) They suggested that the department hold more events to increase the people flow of the TPCC.
- (iii) They suggested that the department provide Members with the electronic version of promotional leaflets of the events, to facilitate schools or Members to promote to members of the public.

13. The representative of LCSD noted Members' comments, and hoped that more members of the public would get to know about the TPCC through the Open Day. The department would also hold more promotional events according to resources obtained in future programme planning.

14. CCRC noted the above report.

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

15. The representative of EDB reported as follows:

- (i) Around 370 students in the district were affected by the Wang Fuk Court fire (“the fire”), among whom five had unfortunately passed away. The bureau did not presently have the numbers for deceased family members who had cohabited with students.
- (ii) Due to the fire and blocked roads, some of the schools in the district had suspended classes on 27 November 2025. Depending on actual circumstances, individual schools may make the decision to suspend classes after obtaining consent from the incorporated management committee or the school management committee through a school-based mechanism and notifying the Tai Po District School Development Section of the EDB.
- (iii) Classes had gradually resumed in various forms since 1 December 2025 at schools that had suspended classes due to the fire.
- (iv) The Tai Po Baptist Public School (“TPBPS”) had to be closed after the fire. To provide students with a stable learning environment, the bureau, after discussion with other government departments, had allocated the school premises of the former Church of Christ in China Kei Ching Primary School (“former Kei Ching Primary School”) for the use of the TPBPS.
- (v) The bureau was already actively advancing the renovation works of the school premises of the former Kei Ching Primary School, which were expected to be completed by the summer of 2026 for use in the 2026/27 school year.
- (vi) To provide assistance in the relocation of TPBPS, the bureau had set up a dedicated working group and reserved \$5 million to support the operation of the TPBPS, Tai Po Government Primary School (“TPGPS”) and NTWJWA Christian Remembrance of Grace Primary School (“CRGPS”) during the transition period, as well as to offer appropriate learning and teaching support for teachers and students.

16. Members’ questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) The EDB had immediately formed the School Crisis Management Team with the Tai Po School Heads Association on the night of the fire on 26 November 2025 for discussion on class suspension arrangements and necessary support. They thanked the bureau for acting promptly.

- (ii) A Member pointed out that Tai Po District had preliminarily sufficient secondary school places with which to provide Primary Six students in the district, and could provide primary schools in North District and Yuen Long District with a small number of school places, which showed that Tai Po District had a stable demand for secondary school places.
- (iii) They asked about the completion date of the renovation works of the school premises of the former Kei Ching Primary School, as well as when the teaching staff of the TPBPS could head over to prepare for work on commencement of classes.
- (iv) They asked about the time limit for the TPBPS to use the school premises of the former Kei Ching Primary School, as well as whether another location would serve as replacement for implementing the plan for social welfare purposes.
- (v) They asked whether the TPBPS would admit students as usual in the new school year.
- (vi) They hoped to know more about the arrangements for the existing school premises of the TPBPS.

17. The representative of EDB responded as follows:

- (i) The school premises of the former Kei Ching Primary School were originally vacant, and were now allocated for the use of the TPBPS.
- (ii) The bureau would maintain communication with the schools, and had already formed a working group and reserved \$5 million to coordinate and support the operation of the schools during the transition period.
- (iii) The renovation works of the former Kei Ching Primary School were expected to be completed in the summer of 2026 for the school to use in the 2026/27 school year.
- (iv) After the fire, the bureau had deployed available classrooms in the district for transition arrangements to expedite the resumption of face-to-face classes for TPBPS students.
- (v) Since 15 December 2025, the bureau had arranged for TPBPS students to attend classes at the TPGPS and CRGPS by grade level.
- (vi) The bureau had also arranged for the TPBPS to use the school premises of the former Kei Ching Primary School in the 2026/27 school year, and would maintain close communication with the schools, so that the schools would learn about the latest situation, and would report updates to Members in due course.

18. Members' questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) They asked whether the assistance grant of \$5 million was sufficient to resolve the relocation and operational expenses during the transition period, and whether there were other grants available for the application of schools.
- (ii) They asked whether designated teachers or social workers would provide on-campus support to assist in handling students' emotions.
- (iii) They asked whether the bureau would reserve a part of the assistance grant of \$5 million to support schools in procuring teaching materials or as transport allowance for students.
- (iv) They asked about the admission situation of the PHC Wing Kwong Junior School and its number of school places for the new school year.
- (v) They suggested that the arrangements for the resumption of classes of the TPBPS be included in the relief and resettlement plans, to ensure that the needs of affected students and families were given attention, thereby assisting parents and schools in considering choice of schools and admission arrangements.

19. The representative of EDB responded as follows:

- (i) Whether the TPBPS would return to its old school premises in the future fell under overall follow-up arrangements. The former Kei Ching Primary school had standard school premises that could accommodate around 1 200 students, and sufficed for the existing TPBPS students numbering around 600. The bureau would also make adjustments according to the school's opinions to match its actual needs.
- (ii) The TPBPS currently provided shuttle buses or school buses to transport students between the two schools.
- (iii) The TPBPS would continue to participate in the Central Allocation for Primary One Admission in the Tai Po school net in the next school year.
- (iv) The bureau had issued the schools with a letter on 23 December 2025, explaining the principles for use of the one-off special assistance grant for schools. The grant was mostly to be used for the extra operational expenses of affected schools during the transition period.
- (v) The school's existing resources would be moved for continued use at the new school premises.
- (vi) The bureau had arranged for school-based educational psychologists to provide on-campus support. This included providing professional individual or group

counselling to affected students and guiding and supporting schools in conducting special class periods. The bureau also provided service through one support team for each school (“OSTES”).

20. Members’ questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) They asked whether the bureau would prioritise handling the school transfer arrangements for affected students, as well as information on the relevant procedures.
- (ii) They hoped to learn about the specific details of the OSTES service.
- (iii) They thanked the teachers and students of the CCC Fung Leung Kit Memorial Secondary School (“FLKSS”) for providing a venue at the preliminary stage after the fire to serve as a temporary shelter, and for lending full support to follow-up work.
- (iv) They asked whether the bureau would provide financial assistance in respect to the extra expenses of the FLKSS during the period it served as a temporary shelter.

21. The representative of EDB responded as follows:

- (i) If affected students who had temporarily relocated to other districts needed to make school transfer arrangements, they could seek assistance at Regional Education Offices of EDB near their current housing location.
- (ii) In response to this fire, the EDB had organised the OSTES service, providing focused support for schools that had been more severely affected. Members of these teams included school-based professional support staff and educational psychologists of EDB who would provide support having regard to the specific circumstances and needs of each school.
- (iii) The OSTES teams would maintain close contact with the schools, as well as provide appropriate professional support and make referral arrangements.
- (iv) The bureau would provide assistance on the extra expenses of the FLKSS during its service as a temporary shelter, to compensate for its actual expenses.

22. The Chairman hoped that the bureau would reflect Members’ comments to the relevant sections and announce the long-term plan for affected schools as soon as possible, to provide affected students and parents with proper support.

23. Members’ questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) They asked whether the bureau would provide support for the TPGPS and CRGPS, which had loaned their school premises.
- (ii) They asked whether there would be any change to the number of teachers after some of the affected students had transferred to other schools in the district.

24. The representative of EDB responded as follows:

- (i) The bureau had already provided additional support for the TPGPS and CRGPS, which had loaned their school premises.
- (ii) Schools usually calculated their teaching manpower based on class-teacher ratio. The bureau understood that the TPBPS had certain difficulty with arranging for teachers, and had therefore provided resources for the school to recruit additional teachers to handle issues caused by separate teaching at two school premises in this school year. Once students of all grades of the TPBPS were attending classes at the school premises of the former Kei Ching Primary School in the next school year, there would be no need for special arrangements.

25. The Chairman said that he hoped the bureau would provide all affected schools, students and parents with appropriate support to cater to their needs.

26. The representative of EDB supplemented that the service targets of the above-mentioned support in terms of finances and resources included the TPBPS, TPGPS and CRGPS.

27. The Chairman said that he understood and hoped that the bureau would relay Members' comments to the relevant sections and step up support for affected students and parents.

28. CCRC noted the above report.

#### V. Any other business

29. Members raised no other business.

#### VI. Date of next meeting

30. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 5 March 2026 (Thursday).

31. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat

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