

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting in 2024
of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
of Tai Po District Council

Date: 9 May 2024 (Thursday)
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 9:49 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”)

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
<u>Chairman</u>		
Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Vice-chairman</u>		
Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, BBS, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Members</u>		
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. MUI Siu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Tsz-kin	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Yung-wa	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP	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, BBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LO Hiu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Secretary</u>		
Miss LO Tin-wai, Tiffany	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
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”)
Mr. YAU Wan-po, Wallace	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. SING Hoi-shan, Wendy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / TPDO / HAD
Mr. CHO Tin-ho, Eric	Senior Liaison Officer (2) (Atg.) / TPDO / HAD
Miss CHAN Yin-ning, Elaine	Executive Officer (<u>District Council</u>) 1 (<u>Designate</u>) / TPDO / HAD

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed participants to the 3rd meeting in 2024 of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CCRC”), and announced that Mr. CHO Tin-ho, Eric, Senior Liaison Officer (2) (Atg.) of TPDO was attending the meeting in place of Ms. WONG Sze-man, Queenie.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd meeting in 2024 of the CCRC on 7 March 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 the participation in community activities held between March and April 2024 in Tai Po and proposed community activities to be held in May and June 2024 in Tai Po **(TPDC Paper No. CCR 4/2024)**

3. The representative of LCSD reported in connection with Appendix I to TPDC Paper No. CCR 4/2024 that LCSD had organised 110 recreational and sports activities between March and April 2024 in Tai Po District with a total of about 2 342 participants as set out in Annex I, and

that a total of 136 recreational and sports activities were proposed to be held between May and June 2024 in Tai Po District with an estimated number of about 2 743 participants, details of which were set out in Annex II. The department organised diversified recreation and sports programmes for people of different age groups and physical fitness levels in the district with a view to encouraging them to develop the habit of taking part in regular exercise. The recreational and sports activities that had been organised in 2023/24 were set out in Annex III.

4. The representative of LCSD reported on Appendix II to TPDC Paper No. CCR 4/2024 that Annex I set out the attendance report of cultural programmes held and sponsored in Tai Po District between February and April 2024, while Annex II set out details of the activities planned to be held between May and June 2024 for Members' reference.

5. The representative of LCSD reported in connection with Appendix III to TPDC Paper No. CCR 4/2024 that Annexes I and II set out the attendance at extension activities of Tai Po Public Library ("TPPL") and the utilisation of mobile library ("ML") service points in March and April 2024 respectively, while Annex III set out the extension activities proposed to be held in May and June 2024 for Members' reference.

6. A Member asked whether the library would update travel and computer books in its collections on a regular basis, and suggested that TPPL should dispose of its outdated collections to make room for new collections.

7. The representative of LCSD said that regular updating of the library collections was a regular task of libraries as space was limited in libraries and new books were introduced every month. The department would regularly review the library collections, such as time-limited books, pull out those with outdated content and then withdraw them in accordance with the established procedures.

8. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) The patronage of the ML service point at Nai Chung between March and April 2024 was still very low, with an average attendance of only one patron. As such, they asked about the progress of the recommendation made at the last meeting that an alternative site should be identified with Members.
- (ii) The car park at the side of Nai Chung bus terminus, where the mobile library van was currently parked, had been officially opened and it was hoped that the patronage would increase afterwards.

9. The representative of LCSD said that the department had been closely monitoring the situation of the ML service point at Nai Chung, and one of the roles of ML service points was to

supplement district library services by serving residents in remote areas with no convenient transport links and were far away from static libraries.

10. The Chairman suggested that the department step up publicity on ML service points to residents in the vicinity.

11. The representative of LCSD said that the works near the ML service point at Nai Chung had been completed, and the department had provided the relevant Members with the publicity materials on the service point earlier to enhance publicity among residents in the vicinity with a view to boosting patronage.

12. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) They have received the relevant publicity posters earlier and would provide them to the village office for display in the hope of attracting more residents nearby to borrow books from the said service point.
- (ii) As there was a direct bus route in Shap Sze Heung plying to and from MTR University Station, it was suggested that the department should make reference to the practice of MTR Tai Wai Station to set up a self-service library station at MTR University Station so as to facilitate residents to borrow and return books by themselves.

13. The representative of LCSD noted Members' opinions and said that a Smart Library System was currently being developed to enhance the overall library services, and improvement works would also be carried out in phases for the three existing self-service library stations to upgrade their equipment, thereby enhancing various facilities therein. The department would review the usage of the library stations upon completion of the relevant works, and explore the feasibility of further extending the services of library stations to other locations subject to the availability of resources.

14. A Member said that the actual numbers of participants in programmes for youth at risk and low-income earners among the recreation and sports programmes organised in Tai Po District in 2023/24 were less than 100 respectively, and asked about the actual content of the programmes and whether the number of participants could be increased.

15. The representative of LCSD said that the department would organise different types of activities for people of different age groups and categories. For the above activities, the LCSD would liaise with the Social Welfare Department and non-governmental organisations to co-organise or publicise the activities, which included Basketball Fun Day, Badminton Fun Day, Table Tennis Fun Day and Squash Fun Day, with a view to increasing the opportunities for the

various special groups to participate in recreational and sports activities, so as to build a habit of exercise and enhance their quality of life.

16. The Chairman welcomed and hoped that the department would continue to organise more of the above activities to promote social inclusion.

17. The representative of LCSD said that they were welcome to participate in other youth activities and training courses organised by the department to build a habit of regular exercise.

18. CCRC noted the above report.

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

19. The representative of EDB said that since the last meeting, the overall operation of schools in the district had generally been smooth. Earlier on, some Members would like to know about the Pentecostal Holiness Church Wing Kwong Junior School, details of which were as follows:

- (i) In April 2024, the bureau issued a class approval letter to the school. Based on the age distribution of households provided by the Housing Department and with reference to the vacancy situation at schools in the district, the bureau had given preliminary approval for the school to operate two classes at each grade from Primary 1 to Primary 4 in 2024/25, and the number of classes to be operated might be further revised subject to actual needs.
- (ii) Admission forms had been placed at the estate office of Fu Tip Estate and EDB Regional Education Offices, and would also be made available to the sponsoring body for public collection. Applicants were required to return the forms duly completed to EDB Regional Education Offices for collective processing.

20. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They thanked the bureau for referring a student who had been bullied in a boarding school in Stanley to study in Tai Po.
- (ii) They asked whether the applicants were not required to visit the school for processing their applications and they only had to return the completed forms to EDB Regional Education Offices for processing.

21. The representative of EDB advised that the bureau would conduct a Central Allocation exercise for students and the primary school concerned could not admit students on its own.

22. The Chairman thanked the Secretary for communicating with the departments before the meeting so that they could prepare the information before the meeting to respond to Members' questions.

23. CCRC noted the above report.

IV. Any other business

24. Members did not raise other business.

V. Date of next meeting

25. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 4 July 2024 (Thursday).

26. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat
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