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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee (1/20-21)

Date: 26 May 2020

Time: 4:32 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Mr LAI Man-fai (Chairman)

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu (Vice Chairman)

Mr LI Hung-por

Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus

Mr LAM Sek-tim

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr CHIU Yan-loy

Mr LAU Chi-hung

Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy

Mr LAU Jackson

Mr TSE Man-chak

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Government Representatives

Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine

Senior Manager (New Territories South)
Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Ms SIU Yuen-ching, Sara

Deputy District Leisure Manager(Tsuen Wan)1,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LEE Yuen-ye, Linda

Social Work Officer 3 (Planning &
Coordinating), Social Welfare Department

Ms LIU Wing-ki, Katrina

School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan)2,
Education Bureau

Ms CHAN Tsz-ye, Emily

Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tsuen Wan District
Office

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy

Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Tsuen Wan District Office

Miss IP Tung, Natalie
(Secretary)
Mr YIM Hong-yue, Owen

Executive Officer (District Council)2, Tsuen
Wan District Office
Executive Officer (District Council)3, Tsuen
Wan District Office

In attendance

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

Chairman, Tsuen Wan District Council

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 3rd meeting of the Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee (RSACFAC).

2. The Chairman asked Members to speak concisely so as to ensure the meeting could be finished within the time specified in view of the epidemic. To this end, Members who introduced the paper might speak up to 2 minutes and each Member who submitted the paper might make supplementary remarks once. The Member might choose to speak up to 2 minutes after the responses from the representative(s) from government department(s) or make concluding remarks before the discussion of the agenda item ended. Except for the Member(s) who submitted the paper, each Member might speak only once for each agenda item in the meeting. The Chairman would confirm the number of Members who would speak before discussion. Each Member might speak up to 2 minutes if five or fewer Members spoke for the agenda item and up to 1.5 minutes if more than five Members spoke for the agenda item. The representatives from government departments might speak up to 2 minutes twice.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 4:33 p.m.)

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 10.3.2020

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously confirmed by Members without amendment.

III Item 2: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4. The Chairman said that there were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

IV Item 3: A Motion of Establishment of the Non-standing Working Group on Tsuen Wan District Football Representative Team

(RSACFAC Paper No. 1/20-21)

5. The Chairman said that as this agenda item was submitted by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair.

6. The Acting Chairman said that Mr LAI Man-fai and Mr LAU Chi-hung submitted the paper.

7. Mr LAI Man-fai and Mr LAU Chi-hung introduced the paper.

8. Mr LAM Sek-tim agreed to the establishment of the captioned working group and opined that the performance of the Tsuen Wan district football representative team (“football team”) was not satisfactory at the moment. He hoped that the working group might assist the football team to achieve better results and set goals to secure a place in football matches of higher divisions.

9. Mr LAI Man-fai moved a motion that “to establish a Non-standing Working Group which wholly represented the RSACFAC to monitor the use of the District Council funds by the Tsuen Wan district football representative team, including but not limited to liaising with the managing organisation of the Tsuen Wan district football representative team and Hong Kong Football Association, examining and addressing the eligibility for the next Hong Kong Football Association League of the Tsuen Wan district football representative team and the feasibility of replacing the managing organisation of the representative team.” Mr LAU Chi-hung seconded.

10. The Acting Chairman asked whether Members would move an amended motion. No Member moved an amended motion.

11. The Acting Chairman asked Members to vote on the original motion. The motion was endorsed with a vote of 13 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions.

12. The RSACFAC unanimously endorsed the terms of reference of the Non-standing Working Group on Tsuen Wan District Football Representative Team. The terms of reference of the Working Group were set out in Annex I.

13. Members expressed their intentions to join the Non-standing Working Group on Tsuen Wan District Football Representative Team by a show of hands. The membership list of the Working Group was set out in Annex II.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat invited Members to join the Non-standing Working Group on Tsuen Wan District Football Representative Team in writing on 4 June 2020.)

14. Members unanimously agreed that Mr LAI Man-fai should take up the post of Convenor of the Non-standing Working Group on Tsuen Wan District Football Representative Team.

15. The Chairman resumed the chair.

V Item 4: Application for District Council Funds by the Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports and Recreation Association Limited

(RSACFAC Paper No. 2/20-21)

16. The Secretary introduced the paper and reported that Mr YAU Kam-ping had made declaration as the Vice President of the Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports and Recreation Association Limited (TWDSRA).

17. The Chairman determined that the Member who had made declaration as the Vice President of the TWDSRA should remain silent during the discussion of the funding applications concerned and could not participate in the decision-making or voting of the funding applications concerned in accordance with section 48(12) of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders”).

18. The Chairman asked if any Member needed to make declaration of interests immediately. No Member made declaration of interests.

19. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he pointed out that the Magic Fun Bowling World in Belvedere Garden, Tsuen Wan, which was the proposed venue for the “TWDSRA Shield Bowling Competition 2020-2021”, had ceased operation (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
- (2) although the TWDSRA was an organisation which had been established for years in the district, he thought that it would be undesirable to allow the same organisation to organise six activities, and various kinds of sports activities in the district should be organised by different organisations so as to promote diversity in the activities. Thus, the application for District Council (DC) funds should be made available to organisations in the district through open invitation. In addition, he suggested that the funding application for the “Tsuen Wan Youth Badminton Training Programme 2020-2021” should be endorsed first, and the voting on the remaining five funding applications should be suspended (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (3) as he and the Chairman had met the representative from the TWDSRA, and other Members would also meet the representative from the TWDSRA on 29 May 2020, he suggested that the voting on the six funding applications concerned should be suspended (the Vice Chairman);
- (4) he enquired about how the 50 footballs which were purchased for the “Tsuen Wan District Football Training Course 2020-2021” would be handled after the activity was concluded (Mr LAM Sek-tim); and

- (5) he enquired whether the six funding applications could be voted on separately. He supported the suspension of voting on the six funding applications and suggested that they should only be considered after Members had met the representative from the TWDSRA on 29 May 2020 (Mr WONG Ka-wa).

20. Members unanimously agreed that the voting on the following six funding applications should be suspended:

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount under Application (\$)</u>
(1) Tsuen Wan District Youth Badminton Training Programme 2020-2021	1.7.2020 – 28.2.2021	120,600.00
(2) Tsuen Wan District Youth Athletic Training Programme 2020-2021	4.7.2020 – 28.2.2021	151,240.00
(3) Tsuen Wan District Youth Tennis Training Programme 2020-2021	16.7.2020 – 30.8.2020	18,320.00
(4) Tsuen Wan District Football Training Course 2020-2021	21.8.2020 – 8.1.2021	61,804.00
(5) TWDSRA Shield Seven-a-side Soccer Championship 2020-2021	1.9.2020 – 31.12.2020	33,800.00
(6) TWDSRA Shield Bowling Competition 2020-2021	30.1.2021	20,260.00

VI Item 5: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan Culture and Recreation Co-ordinating Association Limited

(RSACFAC Paper No. 3/20-21)

21. The Secretary introduced the paper.

22. The Chairman asked if any Member needed to make declaration of interests immediately. No Member made declaration of interests.

23. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he enquired whether the Tsuen Wan Town Hall was open and whether the application for the hire of the facilities therein would be accepted at the current stage. He also pointed out that two activities might not be able to be held in July 2020 as scheduled if timely bookings of the venues were not possible (Mr CHIU Yan-loy); and
 - (2) he thought that the applicant organisation should be invited to send a representative to attend the meeting of the RSACFAC regarding the discussion on the items on funding applications so as to respond to Members' enquiries (Mr TAM Hoi-pong).
24. The Secretary said that the applicant organisation had been invited to attend the meeting of the Audit Working Group on Activities to be held after this RSACFAC meeting. Members of the Working Group might exchange views with the applicant organisation at the said meeting.
25. The views and enquiries of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he pointed out that the RSACFAC only needed to determine whether to endorse the funding applications concerned in principle. The actual amount of funding and funding programmes would be determined by the Audit Working Group on Activities (the Chairman);
 - (2) he enquired whether the agenda of the meeting of the Audit Working Group on Activities would be received by Members of the Working Group only, and whether the Members who did not join the Working Group could only decide whether to endorse the funding applications concerned in principle or not (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
 - (3) he requested the Secretariat to explain the process of the vetting of funding applications and when the relevant arrangements were first adopted (Mr WONG Ka-wa); and
 - (4) he enquired whether the estimated expenditure of the activity set out in Form A was the ceiling of the actual amount of funding and, in case of a proposed amount of funding smaller than the amount applied for, whether the proposed amount should be raised at the meeting of the RSACFAC or the meeting of the Audit Working Group on Activities. In addition, he enquired whether the actual amount of funding could be smaller than the amount of funds under application (Mr TSE Man-chak).

26. The Secretary responded as follows:

- (1) the applicant organisation should submit the application form for Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) funds (“Form A”) to the Secretariat at least three weeks prior to the meeting of the RSACFAC. The Secretariat would, upon receipt of Form A, review whether the funding application complied with the requirements of the Guidelines on Tsuen Wan District Council Funds (the “Guidelines”), and include funding applications which were compliant with the requirements in the agenda for Members’ consideration and endorsement at the meeting of the RSACFAC. If the funding applications were endorsed by the RSACFAC, the actual amount of funding and funding items would be determined by the Audit Working Group on Activities at the meeting to be held after the RSACFAC meeting. The applicant organisation would also be invited to send a representative to attend the meeting of the Working Group to facilitate the exchange of views with Members of the Working Group. The above arrangement had been used for years;
- (2) the “Amount of DC Funds under Application” under “Budget” in Part 3 of Form A referred to the ceiling of the actual amount of funding, and the actual amount of funding could be less than the amount of funds under application; and
- (3) the actual amount of funding would be determined by the Audit Working Group on Activities at the meeting to be held after the RSACFAC meeting. Members who had not joined the Working Group might put forth views on the actual amount of funding at the RSACFAC meeting for the Chairman to decide whether or not to discuss and follow up on the matter at the meeting of the Working Group.

27. The views and enquiries of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) as he was not a Member of the Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee of the previous DC term, he put forth the above enquiry about the process of the vetting of funding applications. He said that it was difficult to vote on the funding applications solely on the basis of the information in Form A without meeting the representative from the applicant organisation. He understood that the arrangement had been used for years, but he hoped that the RSACFAC would consider changing it (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (2) he said that the actual amount of funding and funding programmes would be determined by the Audit Working Group on Activities and asked the Secretary to read out the list of Members who were concurrently the Members of the Audit Working Group on Activities (the Chairman).

28. The Secretary read out the list of Members who were concurrently the Members of the Audit Working Group on Activities. The membership list was set out in Annex III.

29. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD had issued a press release in the afternoon that day to announce that the performance venues under the LCSD, including the Tsuen Wan Town Hall, would reopen starting from 1 June 2020;
- (2) the LCSD had introduced a series of disease prevention measures to safeguard the safety of members of the public during their use of venues. For instance, the hiring organisation could make use of the major facilities of the Tsuen Wan Town Hall such as the auditorium and cultural activities hall only for rehearsals and activities without a live audience before 15 June 2020. Besides, in case the minor facilities therein such as the lecture room and conference room were hired for group activities, the number of participants of such activities should be limited to half of the original capacity of the facilities concerned with a view to reducing the risk of the spread of the epidemic by maintaining social distance. The LCSD would continue to keep in view the development of the epidemic and make adjustments to the opening of venues and respective arrangements where necessary;
- (3) applications from the public for the use of the major facilities of the Tsuen Wan Town Hall would be accepted seven months prior to the date of the activity under application. In general, the organiser of the activity would only file a funding application with the DC after it had successfully made a booking for the venue; and
- (4) the Tsuen Wan Culture and Recreation Co-ordinating Association Limited (TWCR) had made an application to the LCSD for booking the venues concerned regarding the four funding applications.

30. The views and enquiries of the Chairman, Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he understood that Members wished to exchange views with the applicant organisation at the RSACFAC meeting. However, the RSACFAC would invite representatives from the government departments only and would not invite representatives from the applicant organisation to attend the meeting out of administrative considerations and time constraint of the meeting. He suggested that Members should direct their enquiries to the applicant

organisation via the Secretariat or the Chairman prior to the meeting if they had enquiries about the funding applications after receiving the papers. He thought that it would be unfair to the applicant organisation if Members focused on the submission of several funding applications by a single organisation and consequently affected the decision made about the applicant organisation. A suspension of voting might also render some activities not being able to be held as scheduled (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);

- (2) he thought that the same approach should be used when processing the funding applications submitted by the TWDSRA and TWCR. Therefore, he suggested suspending the voting on the four funding applications submitted by the TWCR (Mr LAU Jackson);
- (3) he learnt that the “Choir Training For Youth/Children in Tsuen Wan” was an activity which was organised on a regular basis by the TWCR. If the activity could not be organised as scheduled, participants of the activity might be affected. However, as the anticipated number of participants of the activity, i.e. 43, would exceed the maximum number of people allowed in the lecture room of the Tsuen Wan Town Hall as stipulated by the LCSD under the epidemic, he agreed that the voting on the funding application concerned should be suspended (the Vice Chairman);
- (4) he suggested that Members who were interested in exchanging views with the representative from the applicant organisation should join the Audit Working Group on Activities. He also thought that it would be unfair to the persons concerned if the activity could not be held as scheduled simply because Members did not join the Working Group or failed to attend the meeting of the Working Group (Mr KOT Siu-yuen);
- (5) he pointed out that the choir under the “Choir Training For Youth/Children in Tsuen Wan” was a district choir which had been established for years. The suspension of voting on the funding application concerned would affect the regular training activities of the choir. In addition, he suggested that the funding applications concerned should be processed flexibly, i.e. Members could consider endorsing the four funding applications concerned in principle and tasking the Audit Working Group on Activities with adjusting the actual amount of funding (the Chairman);
- (6) he suggested that the funding application for the “Choir Training For Youth/Children in Tsuen Wan” should be endorsed first, and the voting on the other three funding applications should be conducted only after the Members’ meeting with the representative from the TWCR on 29 May 2020 (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (7) he understood that Members opposed not to the funding application

concerned but the possibility that the number of participants of the activity concerned would exceed the maximum number of people allowed in the venue under the epidemic. He suggested that Members should contact the applicant organisation regarding their enquiries about the funding application concerned before the meeting upon receiving the paper on the funding application. In addition, he suggested that the funding application should be voted on by circulation of paper after this meeting. If the funding application was endorsed, Members could participate in the activity concerned to gain a better insight into the activity (Mr WONG Ka-wa).

31. The Chairman asked Members to vote. The RSACFAC endorsed funding application item (1) and suspended the voting on funding application items (2) to (4) with a vote of 6 in favour, 5 against and 3 abstentions as follows:

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>*Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1) Choir Training For Youth/Children in Tsuen Wan	1.7.2020 – 28.2.2021	64,128.00

* The actual sum of amount would be determined by the Audit Working Group on Activities at its meeting to be held after this RSACFAC meeting.

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount under Application (\$)</u>
(2) Appreciation of Excerpts of Cantonese Opera	3.7.2020	41,170.00
(3) Excerpts of Cantonese Opera Show 2020	27.9.2020	41,170.00
(4) Hong Kong Pottery Exhibition 2020	23.10.2020 – 28.10.2020	26,290.00

32. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly suggested that Members should vote on the above funding applications of which the voting was suspended as soon as possible after meeting the representative from the TWCR on 29 May 2020 and the applicant organisation should be allowed to postpone the dates of the activities concerned.

33. The Chairman suggested that the RSACFAC should vote on the above funding application items (2) to (4) by circulation of paper to ensure that the activities could be held as scheduled.

(Post-meeting note: The funding applications concerned were endorsed by circulation of paper between 3 June 2020 and 9 June 2020.)

VII Item 6: Application for District Council Funds by JUNS HK

(RSACFAC Paper No. 4/20-21)

34. The Secretary introduced the paper.

35. The Chairman asked if any Member needed to make declaration of interests immediately. No Member made declaration of interests.

36. The RSACFAC endorsed one funding application as follows:

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount under Application (\$)</u>
(1) JUNS FC Exhibition Cup	15.6.2020 – 26.7.2020	#12,119.25

The Audit Working Group on Activities endorsed the suspension of voting on the amount approved for the funding application concerned at its meeting to be held after this RSACFAC meeting.

(Post-meeting note: JUNS HK had informed the Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat of the withdrawal of its funding application on 2 June 2020.)

VIII Item 7: Any Other Business

37. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled on 24 June 2020 and the deadline for submission of paper was 9 June 2020.

(Post-meeting note: The 4th meeting of the RSACFAC was rescheduled to 19 June 2020 in view of the epidemic.)

IX Adjournment of Meeting

38. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

4 June 2020

Terms of Reference of the Non-standing Working Group on Tsuen Wan District
Football Representative Team under
Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee

1. To monitor the use of District Council funds by the Tsuen Wan district football representative team;
2. to liaise with the managing organisation of the Tsuen Wan district football representative team and Hong Kong Football Association;
3. to examine and address the eligibility for the next Hong Kong Football Association League and make replacement of the managing organisation if necessary; and
4. to report its work to the RSACFAC on a regular basis and tender advice when necessary.

Membership List of the Non-standing Working Group on
Tsuen Wan District Football Representative Team under
Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee

Convenor : Mr LAI Man-fai

Members : Mr LAM Sek-tim

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr CHIU Yan-loy (joined after the meeting)

Mr LAU Chi-hung

Mr LAU Jackson (joined after the meeting)

Membership List of the Audit Working Group on Activities under
Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee

Convenor : Mr LAI Man-fai

Members : Mr LI Hung-por
Mr LAM Sek-tim
Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio
Mr KOT Siu-yuen
Mr LAU Chi-hung
Mr LAU Cheuk-yu
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