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Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee (2/20-21)

Date: 19 June 2020

Time: 2:35 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 YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH

Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus

Mr LAM Sek-tim

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 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

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)

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

Mr YIM Hong-yue, Owen

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

Attendance by Invitation:

For Discussion of Item 4

Ms LEUNG Sin-ling, Grace

Liaison Officer i/c (Tsuen Wan)/North, Tsuen  
Wan District Office

Absent:

Member

Mr LAU Jackson

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee (RSACFAC).

2. The Chairman said that for Members' information, Mr LAU Jackson was absent with apologies.

3. 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 after the responses from the representative(s) from government department(s) or make concluding remarks before the end of the discussion of the agenda item for up to 2 minutes. 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.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 26.5.2020

4. 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

(A) Paragraphs 16 to 20 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 May 2020: Application for District Council Funds by the Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports and Recreation Association Limited

5. The Chairman said that the Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports and Recreation Association Limited (TWDSRA) had exchanged views with Members about its work and the content in the funding application form on 29 May 2020.

6. The Secretary reported that Mr YAU Kam-ping had made declaration as the Vice President of the TWDSRA.

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

8. 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”).

9. Members endorsed five funding applications as follows:

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Approved (\$)</u>
(1) Tsuen Wan Youth Badminton Training Programme 2020-2021	1.7.2020 – 28.2.2021	120,600.00
(2) Tsuen Wan Youth Athletic Training Programme 2020-2021	4.7.2020 – 28.2.2021	150,096.00
(3) Tsuen Wan 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	60,803.20
(5) TWDSRA Shield Seven-a-side Soccer Championship 2020-2021	1.9.2020 – 31.12.2020	30,760.00

IV Item 3: Proposal on Funds Allocation for the Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee 2020/21  
(RSACFAC Paper No. 6/20-21)

10. The Secretary introduced the paper.

11. The RSACFAC approved the proposal on funds allocation and the administrative arrangement. In 2020/21, the RSACFAC was allocated a sum of \$3,247,000 (including 5% budget deficit) for implementation of the District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects).

V Item 4: About the HAB’s Inadequate Surveillance of District Football Teams in the New Territories in the Director of Audit’s Report  
(RSACFAC Paper No. 7/20-21)

12. The Chairman said that as this agenda item was raised by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

13. The Acting Chairman said that Mr LAI Man-fai submitted the paper. The representative from the government department responsible for giving response was Ms LEUNG Sin-ling, Grace, Liaison Officer i/c (Tsuen Wan)/North of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO). Besides, the written replies of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and Audit Commission were tabled at the meeting.

14. Mr LAI Man-fai introduced the paper.

15. Liaison Officer i/c (Tsuen Wan)/North of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the HAB would review the reporting and assessment mechanism regarding the performances of the District Football Teams under the District Football Funding Scheme as well as update the guidelines for the said funding scheme;
- (2) the TWDO would follow up on the report submitted by the District Football Team regarding its performances and achievements to ensure that the District Football Team complied with the revised guidelines and reporting and assessment mechanism; and
- (3) the TWDO would strengthen the monitoring of the procurement activities of the District Football Team, including requiring it to submit information on quotations for purchases, so as to ensure that the District Football Team complied with the Manual on the Use of District Council Funds of the TWDO.

(Note: Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus and Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:43 p.m.)

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

- (1) he enquired about the role and level of participation of the TWDO, including its way of communication with the Tsuen Wan district football representative team, whether communication was initiated on a regular basis, and the frequency of communication. Besides, he suggested that the TWDO should conduct surprise checks once to twice a year to raise its level of participation, and should not rely solely on the attendances provided by the Tsuen Wan district football representative team to assess whether the performance target of the “average number of spectators in home matches” had been achieved (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (2) he enquired whether the reports of the Tsuen Wan district football representative team in 2019/20 were satisfactory. Besides, he enquired whether a site visit could be arranged and whether the role of the District Council (DC) was to sponsor the District Football Team (the Acting Chairman);
- (3) he pointed out that entry tickets were only needed for matches of the Hong Kong Premier League (HKPL), but not the matches of the First Division, Second Division and Third Division. Given that the Tsuen Wan district football representative team was a Third Division team and not an HKPL team, he enquired how one could calculate the “average number of spectators in home matches” when no entry tickets were issued. If the number of spectators was estimated by visual inspection instead, he said the estimate would be inaccurate, and so argued that the performance target on spectator numbers should only be applicable to the assessment of the matches of the HKPL. In addition, he suggested that

representatives from the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) should be sent to attend the home matches of the Tsuen Wan district football representative team for an on-site inspection so as to assess the actual numbers of spectators (Mr LAM Sek-tim); and

- (4) he thought that the TWDO was too passive in its role and its monitoring of the District Football Team was inadequate. He opined that the TWDO should not conduct the assessment based only on the information provided by the Tsuen Wan district football representative team, and that it would be difficult to verify the accuracy of the information if the TWDO did not conduct any site visit. In addition, as the information on all the matches were available on the website of the Hong Kong Football Association, the TWDO could conduct surprise checks based on such information (Mr LAI Man-fai).

(Note: Mr TSE Man-chak joined the meeting at 2:47 p.m.)

17. Liaison Officer i/c (Tsuen Wan)/North of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the District Football Team, which was subsidised, was required to submit a mid-term report and a final report to the HAB in April and July respectively each year. The TWDO would check the contents of the reports and the supporting documents submitted by the District Football Team to assess whether they were consistent with the details of the application form submitted when the team applied for funding, and whether the information in the quotations complied with the relevant requirements. The TWDO would also submit a performance evaluation report to the HAB;
- (2) the assessment criteria of the report submitted by the District Football Team would be based on four performance targets, including the “average number of training hours with coaches per month”, the “average number of spectators in home matches”, the “position in the league compared with that of the previous football season” and the “organisation of community building activities”;
- (3) she pointed out that the reports for the football season 2019/20 were not included in the Director of Audit’s Report. The Tsuen Wan district football representative team had achieved the four aforementioned performance targets as shown in its reports for the football season 2018/19;
- (4) the “average number of spectators in home matches” was determined by the attendance declared in the report by the District Football Team. She pointed out that this performance target was mandatorily set at 50 for a football team in the Third Division. In the football seasons 2014/15 to 2018/19, the Tsuen Wan district football representative team failed to achieve the performance target of the “average number of spectators in home matches” only once, when the attendance declared was then 30;
- (5) as the TWDO was not aware of the arrangements for the matches of the football team, Members might contact the Tsuen Wan district football representative team to discuss the said arrangements on their own initiative if they were interested in conducting a site visit;
- (6) the District Football Funding Scheme as mentioned in the Director of Audit’s Report did not refer to the funding support of the DC;

- (7) as the District Football Funding Scheme was a territory-wide scheme, the District Offices in all districts were required to implement the scheme in compliance with the guidelines published by the Home Affairs Department (HAD). Besides, surprise checks were not included in both the application guidelines and monitoring measures;
- (8) regarding the failure of the District Football Teams to achieve the performance targets, the HAB would review the current approach and formulate a new benchmark or mechanism for implementation in the future; and
- (9) the TWDO would relay Members' views to the HAB so that the HAB could consider them when reviewing the mechanism.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 2:55 p.m.)

18. The Acting Chairman said that the RSACFAC would send a letter to the HAD to express Members' views.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to the HAD in writing on 14 August 2020.)

19. The Chairman resumed the chair.

VI Item 5: Application for District Council Funds by Wah Fai Cantonese Opera Association (Tsuen Wan)

(RSACFAC Paper No. 8/20-21)

20. The Secretary introduced the paper.

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

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

- (1) he considered Cantonese operatic songs and Cantonese opera excerpts part of our traditional culture and supported the organisation of cultural and arts activities on Cantonese opera. However, he would object to such activities if they were organised to celebrate the National Day (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy);
- (2) he enquired about the types and contents of the four Cantonese opera excerpts which would be staged in the activity (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
- (3) he pointed out that the anticipated audience size for the activity was 440, and doubted whether the hall of the Lei Muk Shue Community Hall would be able to accommodate an audience of such a size (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (4) he pointed out that while the activity would be held in Lei Muk Shue Community Hall, the venue for the distribution of entry tickets was Clague Garden Estate. In this connection, he suggested that the entry tickets should be distributed near the venue of the activity (Mr CHIU Yan-loy); and
- (5) if Members had enquiries about the content of the activity, they might direct their enquiries to the representative of the applicant organisation at the meeting of the Audit Working Group on Activities to be held after this meeting. In addition,

given the fact that the registered address of the applicant organisation was in Clague Garden Estate, the applicant organisation planned to distribute the entry tickets of the activity in that housing estate. However, he agreed that there was room for improvement regarding the venue for the distribution of entry tickets (the Chairman).

23. After voting, the RSACFAC endorsed the following funding application with a vote of 6 in favour, 0 objection and 5 abstentions:

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Approved (\$)</u>
(1) Appreciation of Cantonese Opera Show in Tsuen Wan (2020)	5.7.2020	12,075.00

VII Item 6: Application for District Council Funds by International (HK) Dance Association

(RSACFAC Paper No. 9/20-21)

24. The Secretary introduced the paper.

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

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

- (1) he hoped to meet the applicant organisation in advance prior to the meeting so that Members could have a more in-depth understanding of the work and funding application of the said organisation, otherwise it would be difficult to vote on the funding application concerned (the Vice Chairman);
- (2) he agreed that an understanding of the applicant organisation should be gained first before proceeding to vote on the funding application concerned. However, he thought that Members could contact the organisation for enquiry purposes prior to the meeting if they had enquiries about the applicant organisation or its funding application after receiving the agenda items and papers. This would enhance the efficiency of discussion (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
- (3) he understood that many newly appointed Members in the RSACFAC had little understanding of the local organisations and suggested that Members should contact different local organisations and participate in their activities more frequently. In addition, he pointed out that the organiser of a dance competition was required to possess professional qualifications for organising such an activity. Members could seek more details from the representative of the applicant organisation at the meeting of the Audit Working Group on Activities to be held after this meeting (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (4) he had met several dance organisations including the applicant organisation in the past two months. He pointed out that the applicant organisation was a renowned association with substantial experience established by a woman originally from Taiwan, and had organised many local and international dance competitions (the

Chairman); and

- (5) he pointed out that Members might learn about the background of the applicant organisation from its registration document and further exchange views with the representative of the applicant organisation at the meeting of the Audit Working Group on Activities to be held after this meeting. Besides, Members would be invited to attend activities funded by the TWDC for evaluation purposes. This mechanism would enable Members to monitor activities and express their views (Mr LI Hung-por).

27. After voting, the RSACFAC endorsed the following funding application with a vote of 7 in favour, 0 objection and 4 abstentions:

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1) Dance Parade in Tsuen Wan 2020	23.8.2020	15,000.00

#### VIII Item 7: Information Papers

28. Members noted the content of the following information paper:

- (1) Items Resolved by Circulation by the Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee during the Period from 3 June to 9 June 2020 (RSACFAC Paper No. 10/20-21).

#### IX Item 8: Any Other Business

29. The Chairman reported that the Secretariat received a notification from JUNS HK on 2 June 2020 of the withdrawal of its application for DC funds as regards the activity “JUNS FC Exhibition Cup”.

30. The Secretary added that in order to facilitate the exchange of views between the Members of the Audit Working Group on Activities and the representative of JUNS HK, who used English as the language for communication with the Secretariat, the Secretariat had arranged a simultaneous interpreter for the meeting of the Audit Working Group on Activities on 26 May 2020, which incurred an expenditure of \$10,420. However, the representative of the said organisation was temporarily absent from the meeting.

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

- (1) in the light of the increased number of organisations which submitted applications for DC funds to the DC of the new term for the first time, he suggested that the Secretariat should remind the applicant organisations to pay attention to the guidelines on DC funds to avoid their approved amounts being affected. Besides, if JUNS HK was interested in filing an application for DC funds again in the future, the organisation should be reminded of the importance of prudent consideration (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (2) he hoped that the Secretariat would provide support for ethnic minority organisations as far as possible when processing applications for DC funds submitted by such organisations (Mr LAU Chi-hung); and

- (3) he was disappointed at JUNS HK for its absence from the meeting of the Audit Working Group on Activities and the withdrawal of its application for DC funds. He suggested that the RSACFAC should carefully consider any funding application submitted by the said organisation in the future so as to avoid wasting resources again (the Chairman).

32. The Chairman said that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) would submit a paper to the RSACFAC in July 2020 to report on the various types of preparatory work for the 8th Hong Kong Games (HKG), and the matter would be resolved by circulation of paper.

33. Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan)<sup>1</sup> of the LCSD reported on the arrangements and preparatory work for the HKG.

34. The Chairman added that Members had earlier held a meeting with the LCSD to discuss the list of members of the Tsuen Wan district delegation. Besides, in view of the tight schedule of meetings in July 2020, it was difficult to arrange a special meeting. Hence, he suggested that the matter should be resolved by circulation of paper. The RSACFAC agreed with the suggestion.

(Post-meeting note: The paper was approved by circulation of paper between 21 and 27 July 2020.)

35. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 27 August 2020 and the deadline for submission of papers was 12 August 2020.

(Post-meeting note: In view of the epidemic, the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RSACFAC was rescheduled to 10 September 2020.)

X Adjournment of Meeting

36. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat  
20 July 2020