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Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee (3/20-21)

Date: 10 September 2020

Time: 2:32 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 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 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

Mr SIU Chung-sing, Johnson

Executive Officer (District Council)1, Tsuen  
Wan District Office

Miss IP Tung, Natalie  
(Secretary)

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

## The Meeting

### I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 19.06.2020

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: Application for District Council Funds as regards Activities Co-organised by the Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities and District Organisations

(RSACFAC Paper No. 12/20-21)

5. The Secretary introduced the paper and read out the membership list of Members who were concurrently the Members of the Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities so as to indicate that they had made declaration of their membership. The membership list was set out in Annex I.

6. The Chairman said that he had made declaration of his membership of the Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities which was a nominal post title. Therefore, he could continue to chair the meeting and participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the funding applications concerned. Besides, he determined that Members who were concurrently the Members of the Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities could participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the funding applications concerned in accordance

with section 48(12) of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders”).

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

8. The RSACFAC endorsed six funding applications as follows:

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Applicant Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1) Tsuen Wan Football History	Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Tsuen Wan Youth S.P.O.T.	1.11.2020 – 31.12.2020	20,000.00
(2) Tsuen Wan Creative City Study Report	Caritas Community Centre - Tsuen Wan	1.11.2020 – 31.12.2020	160,000.00
(3) Dance Parade in Tsuen Wan Vol. 4.0	Po Leung Kuk F.S.F.T. Children and Youth Development Centre	7.11.2020 – 12.12.2020	#253,000.00
(4) Fun and Creativity in Mini 4WDs	Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Tsuen King Youth S.P.O.T.	28.11.2020 – 31.1.2021	20,000.00
(5) Tsuen Wan Inter-school Singing Competition	Idea Infinite	29.11.2020 – 27.12.2020	80,000.00
(6) “Tsuen Wan Star Cup 2020” Badminton Competition	Sparkle Badminton Club	13.12.2020	31,995.00

# As the amount approved exceeded \$220,000, i.e. the funding ceiling of the RSACFAC, the funding application concerned had to be submitted to the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) for vetting and approval.

(Post-meeting note: The TWDC endorsed the funding application concerned on 22 September 2020.)

V Item 4: Application for District Council Funds by The Incorporated Owners of The Cairnhill  
(RSACFAC Paper No. 13/20-21)

9. The Secretary introduced the paper.

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

11. The RSACFAC endorsed one funding application as follows:

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> <u>(\$)</u>
(1) Mid-Autumn Festival Evening Gala	26.9.2020	5,722.00

VI Item 5: Application for District Council Funds by RECREATION ASSOCIATION T.W.C.

(RSACFAC Paper No. 14/20-21)

12. The Secretary introduced the paper and reported that Mr LI Hung-por had made declaration of his Vice Chairmanship of the RECREATION ASSOCIATION T.W.C.

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

14. The Chairman asked the Member who held a position in an executive capacity in the organiser/co-organiser/joint organiser of the activity concerned to remain silent during the discussion of the funding application concerned and not to participate in the decision-making or voting of the funding application concerned in accordance with section 48(12) of the Standing Orders.

15. The RSACFAC endorsed one funding application as follows:

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> <u>(\$)</u>
(1) Tsuen Wan Centre Karaoke Competition and Evening Gala	7.11.2020	10,700.00

VII Item 6: Application for District Council Funds by Hong Kong Volunteer Art Troupe

(RSACFAC Paper No. 15/20-21)

16. The Secretary introduced the paper.

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

18. The Vice Chairman said that as the type of activity and date of the funding application concerned were similar to those of another funding application to be discussed in item 7, namely the “Cantonese Opera in Tsuen Wan Neighbourhood (2020)”, he hoped that the Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat (the “Secretariat”) would coordinate the funding applications in the future to prevent activities of the same nature from being organised for more than once at the same venue within a short period of time.

19. The Secretary responded that the Audit Working Group on Activities had also discussed the above matter earlier. The applicant organisation had thus rescheduled the “Cantonese Opera in Tsuen Wan Neighbourhood (2020)” from 4 October 2020 to 29 November 2020. The Secretariat noted Members’ views and would remind the applicant organisations to pay attention to the said matter in the future.

20. The RSACFAC endorsed one funding application as follows:

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> <u>(\$)</u>
(1) Cantonese Opera Show in Celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival	25.9.2020	17,387.20

VIII Item 7: Application for District Council Funds by Wah Fai Cantonese Opera Association (Tsuen Wan)  
(RSACFAC Paper No. 16/20-21)

21. The Secretary introduced the paper.

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

23. The RSACFAC endorsed one funding application as follows:

<u>Activity/Programme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> <u>(\$)</u>
(1) Cantonese Opera in Tsuen Wan Neighbourhood (2020)	29.11.2020	10,591.20

IX Item 8: Request for Discussion on Promoting e-Sports Culture in Tsuen Wan District  
(RSACFAC Paper No. 17/20-21)

24. The Chairman said that Mr LAM Sek-tim submitted the paper. The representative from the government department responsible for giving response was Ms CHAN Tsz-yee, Emily, Senior Liaison Officer (1) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO). Besides, the written reply of the Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB) was tabled at the meeting.

25. Mr LAM Sek-tim introduced the paper.

26. Senior Liaison Officer (1) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities under the RSACFAC had originally planned to liaise with the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Tsuen Wan Centre to co-organise the “Tsuen Wan e-Sports Festival 2020” between October and November 2020.

- However, the activity was cancelled due to the epidemic; and
- (2) if the RSACFAC wished to promote electronic sports (e-sports) culture in the district, the TWDO would convey Members' views to the said Strategy Group for follow-up.
27. The views of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) the ITB stated in its written reply that the main concern of the paper was the operation of Internet cafes in the district, which was a distortion of the content of the paper. He hoped that the ITB would have a good understanding of the content of the paper first before giving responses, otherwise it would not be able to provide sufficient and relevant information, and it would only be a waste of time if the RSACFAC proceeded to discuss the paper (Mr LAU Jackson);
  - (2) given that many young people of our society had been participating in e-sports, and e-sports was about to be included as one of the Olympic events in the Olympic Games, the Government had the responsibility to promote e-sports. He deeply regretted that e-sports had not been transformed into a career with training opportunities for participants for continuous career development. Besides, he was disappointed that the ITB had interpreted the promotion of e-sports culture as concern over the operation of Internet cafes. He pointed out that in many countries, e-sports had become a career and a development project that was led by the government. He was pleased to learn that the TWDO was interested in organising the e-sports festival in the district. Although the event could not be organised in 2020 due to the epidemic, he hoped that the Government would enhance its effort in encouraging members of the public to promote and participate in e-sports in the future (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
  - (3) he was disappointed with the written reply of the ITB. In his opinion, the general public had a misunderstanding of the e-sports culture. Therefore, promotion work had to be enhanced. He pointed out that e-sports was a specialised sport which had been professionalised and commercialised, and so it was different from the "playing of computer games", which was only for leisure. e-sports and its associated chain of industries could create jobs and development opportunities for young people. Hence, he hoped that relevant government departments would support the development of e-sports and that the Tsuen Wan e-Sports Festival would be organised successfully in 2021 (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy);
  - (4) the ITB had stated on its site "My Blog" that it would promote e-sports culture at the district, policy and international levels, but it had, on the other hand, stated in its written reply that the promotion of e-sports culture concerned the operation of Internet cafes. Thus, he was strongly discontented with the written reply of the ITB. Besides, he agreed to the content of the paper and suggested continuing the discussion on the captioned item in the next RSACFAC meeting as well as inviting the ITB to send its representatives to attend the meeting again (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
  - (5) he agreed that e-sports was different from the "playing of computer games"

and pointed out that e-sports had been listed as a medal sport in the Asian Indoor Games. Hong Kong had nurtured a number of outstanding e-sports players, and e-sports teams had also been established in some secondary schools in the district. He regretted that the Tsuen Wan e-Sports Festival could not be organised in 2020 and hoped that the event would be successfully held in 2021 (the Chairman); and

- (6) he was discontented with the written reply of the ITB and agreed that the discussion on the captioned item should be continued in the next RSACFAC meeting. In his opinion, Hong Kong was well placed to develop e-sports. For instance, a large e-sports centre had been built in Mong Kok. He said he was looking forward to the Tsuen Wan e-Sports Festival and hoped that the TWDC and relevant government departments would have a more in-depth understanding of e-sports by reading the said paper, and assist in the promotion of e-sports culture (Mr LAM Sek-tim).

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.)

28. The Chairman thanked the TWDO for its contribution to the Tsuen Wan e-Sports Festival and was disappointed with the written reply of the ITB. He stated that the captioned item would be included in the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting at the next RSACFAC meeting for continuous follow-up. Members agreed to the arrangement.

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

(Note: Mr YAU Kam-ping left the meeting at 2:56 p.m.)

X Item 9: A Motion to Reserve the Right to Pursue Legal Action against Any Football Team or Person Entering the League of Hong Kong Football Association Representing Tsuen Wan District without Prior Authorisation from the Tsuen Wan District Council

(RSACFAC Paper No. 18/20-21)

30. The Acting Chairman said that Mr LAI Man-fai and Mr LAU Chi-hung submitted the paper. Besides, the written reply of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) was tabled at the meeting.

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

32. Senior Liaison Officer (1) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) according to the Rules of The Hong Kong Football Association Limited (the “HKFA”), the district football teams (district teams) were authorised by the District Councils (DCs) to represent the districts to which they belonged to participate in the League;
- (2) since the 2011/12 football season, the HAB had provided funding support to the 18 district teams participating in various divisions of the League of the

HKFA through a funding scheme to improve their performance and governance;

- (3) the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) would also provide 36 sessions of free venues in each of the districts, totaling 54 hours, for the respective district teams to carry out training in each football season;
  - (4) over the past decade or so, the 18 district teams had had a strong presence in all the districts of Hong Kong and made a positive impact on the development of football in Hong Kong;
  - (5) the matter of giving authorisation to the district teams by the DCs concerned the cooperative relationship between the DCs and the district teams; and
  - (6) the Tsuen Wan Football Association did not make any application to the HKFA for entry into the League of the 2020/21 football season.
33. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he regretted that the Assistant District Officer of the TWDO was absent from the discussion of the captioned item. As no district team representing Tsuen Wan district would enter the League, he enquired how the funding support from the TWDO and TWDC would be handled. Besides, he suggested that a selection competition should be held in the district in the future for selecting a district team which could represent Tsuen Wan district. Also, he opined that the TWDC and TWDO should discuss the follow-up action to be taken in case no football team had received authorisation from the TWDC and made an application to enter the League of the HKFA (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
  - (2) he regretted that no district team representing Tsuen Wan district had entered the League of the 2020/21 football season and thought that the situation reflected the poor development of recreational activities and sports in Tsuen Wan district. He encouraged Members or members in the district to organise football teams for entering the League. Besides, he thought that an objective mechanism should be established for district team selection and agreed that holding a selection competition was a relatively desirable method. He further remarked that organising a football team was a long-term work that required the investment of substantial amounts of time and funds. Hence, he hoped that the TWDC would assist in the development of sports in the district in the future (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
  - (3) he agreed that the Tsuen Wan district team should be selected through a selection competition and suggested that the RSACFAC should earmark funding for organising a district selection competition for the participation of football teams in the district. He pointed out that a football team could only participate in such a competition after undergoing long-term training. Therefore, each football team should be given one to three years' time for preparation (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
  - (4) he opined that if the HAB had attached importance to the TWDC, it should have sent its representatives to participate in the discussion, and the TWDO should also have given responses actively considering its role as the implementation arm of the HAB. Besides, according to paragraph 11.3 of Chapter 3 of the Articles of The Hong Kong Football Association Limited,

which was formulated by the HKFA, any Member intending to resign from membership of the HKFA and not to participate in the League or the coming football season should do so at least one month before the commencement of the relevant football season. However, it was stated in the written reply of the HAB that the deadline for application was 30 May 2020, which seemed to be in contravention of the above Articles. He hoped that the TWDO would give an explanation (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);

- (5) he agreed that the Tsuen Wan district team should be hand-picked through a selection competition. Besides, he suggested that the TWDC should organise youth training and selection programmes with the football schools for the purpose of selecting participants as members of the Tsuen Wan district team. He hoped to provide a clear and long-term development path for the football players and improve the image of football in Hong Kong (Mr LAM Sek-tim); and
- (6) he did not wish to see the absence of a district team representing Tsuen Wan district in the League of 2020/21 football season. Therefore, he enquired whether it was possible to arrange for another football team to fill the vacancy. He agreed that the Tsuen Wan district team could be chosen through a selection competition or training. Besides, he pointed out that the Tsuen Wan Football Association had concerns regarding the terms of reference of the Working Group on Tsuen Wan District Football Representative Team (Non-standing Working Group) and thus hoped that the RSACFAC would enhance communication with the Tsuen Wan Football Association to relieve their anxiety (Mr LI Hung-por).

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 3:09 p.m.)

34. Mr LAI Man-fai moved a motion that “the RSACFAC should reserve the right to pursue legal action against any football team or person making an application to enter the League of the HKFA on behalf of Tsuen Wan district at will and without prior authorisation from the TWDC”. Mr LAU Chi-hung seconded.

35. The Acting Chairman asked if any Member would move an amended motion.

36. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus learnt that the TWDC did not have the right to pursue legal action and thus proposed the following amended motion that “any football team must obtain authorisation from the TWDC in order to enter the League of the HKFA under the name of Tsuen Wan district representative team and use the training venues reserved by the LCSD for the district representative teams”. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio seconded.

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

- (1) he enquired why the TWDC did not have the right to pursue legal action and pointed out that as the TWDC was a consultative framework as well as a statutory body under the District Councils Ordinance, it should enjoy legal status in principle (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and

- (2) he enquired whether the inability of the TWDC to pursue legal action was due to its being a statutory body rather than a legal entity (the Acting Chairman).
38. The Secretary responded as follows:
- (1) the Secretariat had consulted relevant government departments including the Department of Justice, which represented the government departments in legal proceedings. As stated by the Members just now, the TWDC could not pursue legal action; and
  - (2) the Secretariat noted Members' views and would follow them up after the meeting.
39. The Acting Chairman asked Members to vote on the amended motion. The motion was endorsed with a vote of 11 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.
40. The views and enquiries of the Acting Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) given that the Tsuen Wan Football Association had not made an application to enter the League, he enquired whether the funding earmarked by the RSACFAC for "subsidy for participation in the District Football Team League of the Hong Kong Football Association and promotion of youth training programmes" could be used for supporting the entry of other football teams to the League to fill the vacancy arising from the absence of a Tsuen Wan district team in the League of the HKFA of the 2020/21 football season (the Acting Chairman);
  - (2) as the application for entry to the League of the HKFA of the 2020/21 football season was closed on 30 May 2020, it was confirmed that there would not be a football team representing Tsuen Wan district in the League. Given that the RSACFAC had not received any funding application from the Tsuen Wan Football Association throughout, the earmarked funding had been transferred to the Tsuen Wan District Council for organising community involvement activities related to the prevention of the epidemic with a view to using DC funds effectively. In addition, since he was elected as the Chairman of the RSACFAC, he had all along made attempts to communicate with the Tsuen Wan Football Association, which, however, had only sent its coaches to communicate with him and had not given any reply before 30 May 2020 to indicate whether it would make an application for entry into the League of the HKFA. In his opinion, the Tsuen Wan Football Association had neglected the interests of Tsuen Wan district because the decision of not entering the League of the HKFA was made by the Tsuen Wan Football Association alone without prior notice to the TWDC. He regretted such action and suggested sending a letter to the Tsuen Wan Football Association to express discontent (Mr LAI Man-fai);
  - (3) he hoped that the RSACFAC would send a letter to the HKFA to enquire about the number of districts which had not assigned a district team to enter the HKFA League amongst the 18 districts. Besides, he enquired of the

relevant government departments whether they had informed the TWDC of the deadline for application for entering the League of the HKFA. He opined that, if the TWDC had been notified of the deadline, it would undoubtedly have chosen a football team representing Tsuen Wan district for entry into the League in time. He further remarked that, as the football training activities and competitions could not be held due to the epidemic, it was unreasonable to close the application for entry into the League under such circumstances (Mr WONG Ka-wa); and

- (4) he thought that many football teams in the district were interested in representing Tsuen Wan district in the League, but had no knowledge of the means of becoming a district team. In this connection, he enquired whether a selection mechanism could be established (Mr CHIU Yan-loy).

41. The Acting Chairman requested the TWDO to follow up on the said matter and suggested that Members of the TWDC should arrange a meeting with the representative of the Tsuen Wan Football Association. In addition, the Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities would be tasked to follow up on the matter regarding the selection competition.

(Post-meeting note: The TWDO met Members of the TWDC and the representative of the Tsuen Wan Football Association on 21 September 2020.)

42. Mr LAI Man-fai suggested that the Working Group on Tsuen Wan District Football Representative Team (Non-standing Working Group) should be tasked to follow up on the matter regarding the selection competition. Members agreed to the proposal.

43. The Chairman resumed the chair.

XI Item 10: Concern about the Development of Baseball in Tsuen Wan District  
(RSACFAC Paper No. 19/20-21)

44. The Chairman said that Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy submitted the paper. The representatives from the government departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Ms CHAN Tsz-yee, Emily, Senior Liaison Officer (1) of the TWDO; and
- (2) Ms SIU Yuen-ching, Sara, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan)1 of the LCSD.

Besides, the written reply of the Water Supplies Department (WSD) was tabled at the meeting.

45. Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy introduced the paper.

46. Senior Liaison Officer (1) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) no venue under the management of the TWDO was suitable for baseball training; and

- (2) if Members had any proposals regarding the identification of venues or works-related matter, they could further discuss them at the meetings of the District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee.
47. Deputy District Leisure Manager(Tsuen Wan)<sup>1</sup> of the LCSD responded as follows:
- (1) the LCSD was very supportive of the development of sports in Hong Kong and would work to facilitate it;
  - (2) she understood the demand for venues from baseball lovers. However, in view of the safety considerations, it was necessary for the LCSD to carefully consider such factors as the selection of sites, designs of venues and safety of other users when identifying suitable venues. For instance, a baseball field should not be built on a venue with jogging tracks because the immensely strong impact of balls thrown in bat-and-ball games could cause serious injury to the members of the public. Besides, if the baseball field was too close to other fields or facilities nearby, boundary fences should be provided for separation to safeguard the safety of other users;
  - (3) the LCSD had considered using the Shing Mun Valley Sports Grounds as a batting cage. However, due to the running tracks and buildings with glass windows next to the grass pit therein, the said venue was not suitable for use as a batting cage;
  - (4) the LCSD had also considered using the fenced turf pitch in Tsuen Wan Riviera Park as a batting cage. However, as the venue was too close to residential premises, it could easily pose danger to the residents nearby. Hence, the said venue was not suitable for use as a batting cage either; and
  - (5) there were no LCSD venues suitable for baseball activities in Tsuen Wan district for the time being. The LCSD would keep in view the availability of suitable venues, if any, to tie in with and support the development of baseball.
48. The views of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he loved watching baseball games when he was studying in Taiwan. The Tsuen Wan Baseball Club had sought his assistance regarding the venue issue. He had thus contacted the TWDO and WSD to urge for follow-up, and positive responses from the said departments were received. The Tsuen Wan Baseball Club stated that the Tsuen Wan West Low Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir and Tsuen Wan West High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir were both desirable sites for use as batting cages. He would continue to follow up on the matter (the Chairman);
  - (2) he had liaised with the Members to encourage the Tsuen Wan Baseball Club to make an application for DC funding, but the LCSD could not provide suitable venues. He learnt that the Tsuen Wan Baseball Club was currently carrying out training at Shek Kip Mei Service Reservoir Playground, which was relatively remote. If the service reservoirs in the district could be used as baseball fields, he suggested arranging site visits to the said locations for Members (the Vice Chairman);

- (3) the Tsuen Wan Baseball Club had also contacted him. He suggested that temporary measures could be adopted at the sports venues. For instance, the running tracks could be closed during specific hours so that different types of ball games could be carried out at the same venue. Besides, he learnt that many sports clubs did not actually use venues allocated to them and thus suggested optimal use of resources. He enquired about the locations of Tsuen Wan West Low Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir and Tsuen Wan West High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir, and whether site visits with the representative of the Tsuen Wan Baseball Club at the said locations would be conducted. He then proceeded to enquire of the LCSD whether an exact plan and timetable as regards the training venues for baseball had been formulated (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (4) he was concerned about the connection between recreational and sports activities, and a sense of belonging to the community. He said that local baseball teams were once outstanding achievers in the 1980s, but their development had ceased from then on. In his opinion, the reason might be a lack of ancillary facilities in the districts and the absence of complementary support in other aspects. He hoped to conduct site visits with the representative of the Tsuen Wan Baseball Club at the service reservoirs in the district as soon as possible in order to assess whether the said venues were suitable for use as baseball fields (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
- (5) he pointed out that the Tsuen Wan West Low Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir and Tsuen Wan West High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir were located in the Allway constituency and near Kwong Pan Tin Village and Ho Koon Nature Education cum Astronomical Centre. As there were few dwellings nearby, the site was suitable for baseball activities. He enquired whether the roofs of the service reservoirs could be converted into formal recreational and sports venues for public use. He also enquired of the LCSD why it had to consider so many factors on the matter of converting the sportsground into a baseball field when such factors were not considered in zoning a venue for temporary use. In addition, he suggested constructing boundary fences on the roofs of the service reservoirs to enable the playing of such ball games as baseball and cricket so as to facilitate the development of these sports (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
- (6) he understood that as some of the ball games posed a higher potential risk to other members of the public, government departments would impose more restrictions on the venues at which such sports activities took place. He hoped that the RSACFAC would liaise with the Tsuen Wan Baseball Club to co-organise activities in 2021 to promote the development of baseball in Tsuen Wan district (Mr WONG Ka-wa); and
- (7) he agreed that temporary measures should be adopted to allow different sports activities to be carried out on the same sportsground. He enquired why baseball fields could not be too close to residential premises when other venues such as football pitches and golf courses were not subject to such a restriction. In addition, he enquired of the LCSD whether it had plans to

provide indoor batting cages in the district for baseball players to carry out batting training (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus).

49. Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan)<sup>1</sup> of the LCSD responded that the LCSD had no plans to provide indoor baseball batting cages for the time being, but it would actively study the feasibility of the proposal.

50. Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy hoped that baseball would be developed in Tsuen Wan district. He was glad to learn that other Members agreed that the roofs of the service reservoirs were suitable for use as baseball fields and hoped that officers from the LCSD and WSD would meet the representative of the Tsuen Wan Baseball Club to discuss the said matter. Besides, he hoped that the LCSD would actively consider adopting temporary measures at the suitable venues and tie in at the policy level as far as possible to provide more venues for baseball training.

51. The Chairman said that a golf net would be set up at Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground in Kwai Tsing district on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays to convert the venue into a golf course. He suggested that Tsuen Wan district should draw reference from this type of temporary measure. In addition, he suggested that representatives from the WSD and Tsuen Wan Baseball Club should liaise with Members to conduct site visits at Tsuen Wan West Low Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir and Tsuen Wan West High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir. He also wished that the Tsuen Wan Baseball Club could be assisted in solving the problem of inadequate training venues as soon as possible. Besides, he said that the matter of the planning of recreational and sports venues in Tsuen Wan district should be tasked to the District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee for discussion and follow-up.

## XII Item 11: Information Papers

52. Members noted the contents of the following information papers:

- (1) Items Resolved by Circulation by the Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee during the Period from 12 June to 2 September 2020 (RSACFAC Paper No. 20/20-21); and
- (2) Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee as at 26 August 2020 (RSACFAC Paper No. 21/20-21).

## XIII Item 12: Any Other Business

53. The Secretary said that the Secretariat received notifications of the withdrawal of the application for DC funds from the applicant organisations of four activities which included the “Appreciation of Excerpts of Cantonese Opera”, “Excerpts of Cantonese Opera Show 2020”, “Hong Kong Pottery Exhibition 2020” and “TWDSRA Shield Bowling Competition 2020-2021”. Besides, for Members’ information, other funding applications which had been endorsed by the RSACFAC were approved according to the amounts to be approved as suggested by the Audit Working Group on Activities.

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

- (1) he hoped that the Chairman would be notified of the withdrawal of the application for DC funds as soon as possible in the future so that the RSACFAC could make other arrangements as soon as possible for the better use of DC funds. Besides, he enquired whether the applicant organisations had explained the reason for cancelling the activities and pointed out that the applicant organisations had the responsibility to hold the activities (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (2) he enquired whether the cancellation of the said activities would affect the financial report of the RSACFAC. Besides, he would confirm the uncommitted amount of funds of the RSACFAC after the meeting in conjunction with the Secretary, and encourage district organisations to submit funding applications to the RSACFAC (the Vice Chairman); and
- (3) he suggested that the applicant organisations should consider postponing rather than cancelling activities, and opined that when vetting the funding applications submitted by the same applicant organisations in the future, their records of cancellation of activities should also be considered (Mr Tam Hoi-pong).

55. The Secretary responded that the amount approved for the activities being cancelled had been brought back for organising other activities.

56. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 29 October 2020 and the deadline for submission of paper was 13 October 2020.

#### XIV Adjournment of Meeting

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

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat  
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