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Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee (5/20-21)

Date: 25 February 2021

Time: 2:30 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, MH

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 WONG Chun-ying

Assistant 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-yee, Emily

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Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy

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

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(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 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee (RSACFAC) and introduced Ms WONG Chun-ying, Assistant Social Work Officer 3 (Planning & Coordinating), Social Welfare Department, who attended this meeting on behalf of Ms LEE Yuen-yeec, Linda.

2. The Chairman said that 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 on each agenda item in the meeting. The Chairman would confirm before the discussion the number of Members who wished to speak. Each Member might speak up to 2 minutes if five or fewer Members would speak on the agenda item, and up to 1.5 minutes if more than five Members would speak on the agenda item. The representatives from government departments might speak up to 2 minutes twice.

### II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 6th Meeting Held on 29.10.2020

3. The Chairman said that the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) Secretariat (the Secretariat) had received three proposed amendments from Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio prior to this meeting as follows:

- (1) in line 2 of paragraph 45(1) in the captioned minutes, “並預算 588 萬元支持” (and estimated that \$5.88 million would be needed to support them) should be amended as “涉及預算 588 萬元”(which involved an estimate of \$5.88 million);
- (2) in line 7 of paragraph 45(1) in the captioned minutes, “亦不重視地區體育發展。他對此表示失望” (and that he did not attach any importance to the development of sports in the district. He expressed his disappointment at this) should be amended as “亦不重視地區體育發展，他強調辦好體育發展從地區做起也很合理。他對此表示失望” (and that he did not attach any importance to the development of sports in the district. He stressed that it was reasonable to start from the district level when it came to strengthening the development of sports. Hence, he was disappointed with the absence of the Commissioner for Sports); and
- (3) in lines 2 to 4 of paragraph 49(1) in the captioned minutes, “其中一個職系負責軟件發展，例如舉辦訓練班；另一個職系則負責硬件發展，例如在區內興建體育設施。他認為該兩個職系合併後未能專責跟進軟件或硬件發展，使區內推廣體育的力度大不如前” (one of the grades was responsible for the development of software, such as organising training

classes; the other one was responsible for the development of hardware, such as building sports facilities in the district. He opined that the merging of the two grades had prevented targeted follow-up work specifically for the development of software or hardware, causing the previous momentum of promoting sports in the district to wane significantly) should be amended as “當中康樂事務主任職系負責硬件（例如室內體育館和公園）的管理，而康樂體育主任職系則專注軟件的推展，例如舉辦體育項目訓練班和比賽。他認為該兩個職系合併為“康樂事務經理”職系後或因而未能專門地跟進軟件或硬件的推展和管理，使區內推廣體育的力度大不如前” (The former was responsible for the management of hardware such as indoor stadiums and parks, whereas the latter focused on the development of software, for instance, organising sports training courses and competitions. In his opinion, the merging of the two grades into the Leisure Services Manager grade might have prevented targeted follow-up work specifically for the implementation and management of software or hardware, causing the previous momentum of promoting sports in the district to wane significantly).

(Note: Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus, Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio and Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:32 p.m.)

4. The Chairman asked Members if they would confirm the minutes of the previous meeting and the proposed amendments. The minutes and the proposed amendments were unanimously confirmed.

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

#### (A) Paragraphs 5 to 10 of Minutes of the Meeting Held on 29.10.2020: Request for Discussion on Promoting e-Sports Culture in Tsuen Wan District

5. The Chairman said that Mr LAM Sek-tim submitted the paper. Besides, the written reply of the Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB) was tabled at the meeting.

6. The views and enquiries of the Members were summarised as follows:
  - (1) he pointed out that the intention to include this issue in the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting was to start a dialogue with the ITB. He was discontented with the ITB's repeated use of the same response in its written replies and its failure to send its representatives to attend the meeting three consecutive times. He also opined that the ITB had not formulated any plan to promote e-sports culture in Tsuen Wan district that matched Members' expectation (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
  - (2) he expressed disappointment with the written reply from the ITB. He pointed out that the reply mentioned the possibility of developing e-sports to stimulate growth in other sectors in the e-sports industry chain, such as local games, digital entertainment and technology, media and communications industries, applied virtual reality, and live streaming. He enquired whether the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) had considered any measures in support of the promotion of the e-sports industry, such as holding

e-sports activities in sports centres and formulating plans to develop the e-sports industry vigorously, so as to promote the recreational development of the district (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus); and

- (3) he considered the written reply from the ITB identical to its previous one. He pointed out that although the ITB provided a more detailed response to Members on 21 December 2020, it was only a brief introduction to e-sports. He pointed out that e-sports was already an industry of enormous scale in Mainland China, and since the industry was thriving there, he queried why the ITB, which played a leading role, had not actively encouraged the development of e-sports in Hong Kong. Besides, Tsuen Wan district had cancelled the “Tsuen Wan E-Sports Festival 2020” because of the epidemic. He hoped that the Festival could be held smoothly after the pandemic had subsided (the Chairman).

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por and Mr LAU Jackson joined the meeting at 2:37 pm.)

7. Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan)<sup>1</sup> (DDL<sub>M</sub>(TW)<sup>1</sup>) of the LCSD responded that the LCSD had no intention to introduce and develop e-sports events for the time being.

8. Mr LAM Sek-tim opined that the written reply from the ITB was identical to its previous one, and this showed that the ITB had not actively aided the development of e-sports for Tsuen Wan district. He hoped that the LCSD and the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) could make complementary efforts to support the promotion of the e-sports industry, such as holding e-sports activities in sports centres and providing more subsidies, so that e-sports could start from the district level and keep up with the times. Besides, he suggested that the RSACFAC should write to the ITB to demand an account of its terms of reference.

9. The Chairman said that he hoped the Secretariat could relay Members’ views to the ITB. Besides, the RSACFAC would not discuss this issue at its next meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat sent a letter to the ITB on 31 March 2021 to relay Members’ views.)

(B) Paragraphs 42 to 50 of Minutes of the Meeting Held on 29.10.2020: Invitation to the Commissioner for Sports to Visit Tsuen Wan District for Enhanced Communication for Effective Development of Sports in the District

10. The Chairman said that Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio submitted the paper. Besides, the written reply of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) was tabled at the meeting.

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

- (1) he expressed his dissatisfaction and regret at the written reply of the HAB and the absence of its representatives at this meeting. He opined that every year the Government only went through the routine formalities and gave an

explanation using the same line to take, and the Commissioner for Sports responsible for sports development was also reluctant to communicate with the District Council, making only a perfunctory effort in district sports development. He remarked that in this year's Budget, the development plans for recreation and sports only emphasised the development of hardware facilities without investing any resources in such software areas as organising training classes and enhancing the qualifications of sports trainers. He opined that successful sports development should begin in the district (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);

- (2) he was disappointed that the Commissioner for Sports had again failed to attend the meeting. He opined that if the Commissioner for Sports responsible for district sports development was reluctant to communicate, departments should actively assist in district sports development (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (3) according to available information, the Commissioner for Sports was appointed by the former Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA) in 2016. His responsibilities included coordinating and promoting sports policies; ensuring coordination among bureaux and departments relevant to various districts, national sports associations and related organisations; and promoting and attaining the objectives of sports policies. He enquired whether it was because of the inappropriateness of discussing this issue at the RSACFAC's meetings due to its nature that the Commissioner for Sports had excused himself and declined the RSACFAC's invitation. He opined that discussing district sports development at the RSACFAC was in line with the Commissioner for Sports' objective of assisting to promote sports for all, and thus it was appropriate to discuss the present agenda item at the RSACFAC (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu); and
- (4) he pointed out that although the SHA said that he was sincere in communicating with the District Council, he had never visited the TWDC to meet Members. With the Commissioner for Sports now also indicating his absence with apologies, he considered that the HAB was reluctant to communicate with Members. He further stated that even though there was a part in this year's Budget on the provision of \$300 million for refurbishing the artificial turfs and football pitches to promote the development of football, this actually involved the cost of grass replacement and refurbishment works, which was just an item of recurrent maintenance cost. Therefore, it could not be regarded as a new Budget initiative to be implemented for the promotion of sports. He considered the LCSD the relevant department for sports development and promotion, and it should therefore provide supplementary information on the present agenda item (the Chairman).

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 2:45 pm. Mr KOT Siu-yuen joined the meeting at 2:48 pm. Mr YAU Kam-ping left the meeting at 2:49 pm. Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy joined the meeting at 2:52 pm.)

12. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD responded that the LCSD had nothing further to add regarding the written reply from the HAB, and would make every effort to assist in the promotion of sports and facilitate relevant work.

13. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said that district sports development was currently confined to an established framework, which was rigid and monotonous. He hoped that more interesting competitions and activities could be held in the district to kindle an enthusiasm for sports among Tsuen Wan residents. He expressed his disappointment at the responses from the LCSD and TWDO, hoping that government departments could make a more active effort to promote the development of sports in the district and assist in relaying the views of District Council Members to the authorities. As the Commissioner for Sports had twice failed to attend the meeting at the invitation of Members, he suggested ceasing to include the present agenda item in the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

14. The Chairman said that the RSACFAC would not continue to discuss this matter. Besides, the RSACFAC would write to the HAB to express its regret at the failure of the Commissioner for Sports to communicate with the District Council on sports development in the district.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat sent a letter to the HAB on 31 March 2021 to relay Members' views to the bureau.)

#### IV Item 3: Proposal for Promoting the Sport of Practical Shooting (IPSC) in Tsuen Wan District

(RSACFAC Paper No. 35/20-21)

15. The Chairman said that Mr LAM Sek-tim submitted the paper. The representatives from the government departments responsible for giving response were Ms SIU Yuen-ching, Sara, DDLM(TW)1 of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), and Ms CHAN Tsz-ye, Emily, Senior Liaison Officer (1) (SLO(1)) of the TWDO.

16. Mr LAM Sek-tim introduced the paper.

17. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD responded that the LCSD was now organising events regularly with the Hong Kong Shooting Association (HKSA) to promote the sport of air-gun shooting. If any other bodies or organisations wished to hold recreational shooting activities in venues under the purview of the LCSD, they should contact the staff of the individual venues. The LCSD would be willing to provide support in the hiring of venues if the arrangements for the activities could safeguard the safety of both the participants and the equipment of the venues, and could also ensure that the safety of the equipment met the requirements of the LCSD.

18. SLO(1) of the TWDO responded that as IPSC had yet to be popularised in Hong Kong, the TWDO suggested that the Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities under the management of RSACFAC should organise promotional

activities to introduce IPSC to more people. The TWDO would be willing to offer appropriate assistance in this regard.

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

- (1) he enquired whether the LCSD would be able to promote the sport through other means, such as organising training programmes or competitions, apart from providing support in respect of venue hiring. Besides, he wished to know if the Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities under the RSACFAC would be able to organise the said activities (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (2) he was pleased to learn that various government departments adopted an open attitude towards promoting IPSC. He hoped the LCSD would proactively search for suitable organisations to provide training classes collaboratively or even designate locations as specific venues for relevant promotional activities (Mr TSE Man-chak);
- (3) he enquired about the procedures and approaches for non-governmental organisations intending to hire venues under LCSD for IPSC activities, and the support the LCSD could provide in respect of venues. He cited the sport of billiards as an example, and hoped the government departments could actively provide comprehensive support to promote the transformation of alternative sports into mainstream sports. He further said that although there were currently organisers who wished to promote IPSC, they faced operational difficulties due to a lack of fixed training venues. With the popularisation of IPSC, he hoped the LCSD would provide additional support. (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus)
- (4) he pointed out that IPSC should be held in specific venues. Due to safety reasons, such venues were not readily available when the need arose unexpectedly. He enquired whether it was possible to implement conversion works, similar to those for the Jockey Club Kwai Shing Public Squash Courts, to transform the squash courts of the Yeung Uk Road Sports Centre into shooting centres. He opined that the LCSD could made an attempt to proactively search for venues for the purposes of relevant promotional activities and support. Besides, he pointed out that at this time there was no venue available for IPSC activities in Tsuen Wan district (the Vice Chairman);
- (5) he stated that it was well known that the squash courts in Hong Kong were poorly utilised and many squash courts in Tsuen Wan district had already been converted into table tennis rooms. He suggested that the LCSD should draw reference from the approach of Kwai Tsing District by converting squash courts in the district with a relatively lower utilisation rate into shooting ranges for training (the Chairman);
- (6) he enquired about the utilisation rates of the squash courts at present, and the details of the plans to change the uses of squash courts in other districts. He pointed out that currently some people would rent a flat in an industrial building and convert it into a shooting range for practical shooting activities.

However, this might violate the uses of flats stipulated by the Deed of Mutual Covenant and result in those people being prosecuted by the law enforcement departments. He hoped that the government departments could adopt an open attitude and consider changing the uses of squash courts (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);

- (7) the promotion of IPSC hinged upon the participation of organisations. He opined that there might not be professionals in the LCSD and the TWDO to offer relevant and professional advice. In this connection, he suggested that the LCSD and the TWDO should proactively invite organisations with experience in organising IPSC activities to conduct training sessions or organise competitions in Tsuen Wan. He opined that the said activities could be held in the Sai Lau Kok Garden Multi-purpose Room. He hoped that the existing premises within the district could be optimally utilised to avoid wasting public funds. With regard to venue arrangements, government departments could first seek advice from professional IPSC organisations and then refine venue arrangements accordingly. With the IPSC becoming more popular than ever in Hong Kong, he hoped that the departments would try to promote the sport through more diverse channels (Mr LAM Sek-tim).

20. The Secretary responded that it was necessary to ensure that the participants of activities organised with funds from the District Council were primarily residents of Tsuen Wan district so that they could benefit from the activities.

21. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD responded that the LCSD had already collaborated with the HKSA to organise activities and Fun Day for approximately two days every month in the shooting centre converted from the Jockey Club Kwai Shing Public Squash Courts. It was learnt that the Fun Day registration was not well received. Given that IPSC was a shooting activity in the form of air-guns and posed certain danger, the LCSD had specific safety requirements when handling applications for hiring of venues for such activities, such as whether the activities would cause danger or impact to people or the facilities of the venues. Subject to the organiser's compliance with the requirements on safety measures, the LCSD would be willing to support the activities in respect of hiring of the venues. On the other hand, a large number of squash rooms had already been converted into multi-purpose rooms for other activities, such as table tennis. The LCSD did not have any plan to change the uses of the squash rooms in Tsuen Wan district right now. The LCSD noted the view that the department should provide more relevant support and carry out relevant promotional work, and would provide data on the utilisation rates of squash rooms for Members after the meeting.

22. The Chairman urged the responsible departments to consider the views of Members and work hard collaboratively to promote IPSC.

V Item 4: Information Papers

23. Members noted the contents of the following information papers:
- (1) Application for Funds by District Organisations for Excursions held between 1 October and 31 December 2020 (RSACFAC Paper No. 36/20-21);
  - (2) Items Resolved by Circulation by the Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee during the Period from 21 October 2020 to 17 February 2021 (RSACFAC Paper No. 37/20-21); and
  - (3) Financial Statement of Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee Funds as at 8 February 2021 (RSACFAC Paper No. 38/20-21).

VI Item 5: Any Other Business

24. The Chairman reported that he was notified by the Tsuen Wan Football Association that it would not apply for funding and authorisation from the TWDC in the following year. The Working Group on Tsuen Wan District Football Representative Team (Non-standing Working Group) would convene its second meeting to discuss the recruitment of a football team to be the representative team of Tsuen Wan district for entry into the League of the Hong Kong Football Association Limited (HKFA).

25. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) given that the Tsuen Wan Football Association would not apply for funding and authorisation from the TWDC, he enquired whether it meant that no football team wanted to become the Tsuen Wan district team at this moment (Mr LAM Sek-tim); and
  - (2) he pointed out that the Tsuen Wan Football Association with the was used to be equated with the district team representing Tsuen Wan in the League of the HKFA. He enquired about the Tsuen Wan Football Association's relationship with the HKFA and the TWDC after the association had decided not to apply for funding and authorisation (the Vice Chairman).

26. SLO(1) of the TWDO responded that when the TWDC authorised the association's football team to represent Tsuen Wan district in the past, the TWDC would provide funding every year for that team, and the team would represent Tsuen Wan district in the leagues under the HKFA. However, under the current new norm, many practices might not be the same as before. It was learnt that after some deliberation the Tsuen Wan Football Association had decided not to apply for funding from the TWDC in this financial year or request authorisation from the TWDC.

27. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he stated that the League of the HKFA was open for participation by all football teams that had been registered as members of the HKFA, and the TWDC would only discuss whether a football team should be authorised to be a district team. According to information available, both Yuen Long and

Sai Kung districts had switched to authorising other football teams to represent the two districts in the League this year. Since the Tsuen Wan Football Association had not applied for authorisation at this stage, the Tsuen Wan district team could be openly recruited. Following the news that the Tsuen Wan Football Association would not apply for authorisation and funding, some serving football clubs of the first, second, and third divisions and Hong Kong Premier League did contact him to express their interest in applying to be the Tsuen Wan district team. However, as the football season of this year had already begun and the financial year was about to end, it might not be possible to fund the newly recruited team in time. In view of this, he suggested that the question of which football team to authorise for entry into the League as the representative team of Tsuen Wan district should be discussed in advance before the start of the next football season (the Chairman);

- (2) he enquired about the possibility of meeting with the teams interested in applying to be the Tsuen Wan district team (Mr LAM Sek-tim)
- (3) he enquired whether an official announcement of recruitment had been made to invite applications at this stage (the Vice Chairman); and
- (4) he enquired whether different football teams would be invited to apply to be the Tsuen Wan district team in the next financial year, and whether the authorised team could receive funding support from the TWDC for participation in the League of the HKFA of the 2022/2023 football season after Members had decided the amount of the funding. He also enquired whether the procedures of recruiting the district team could be brought forward and carried out from June to August this year, and whether having a “home” ground in Tsuen Wan district was a requirement for becoming the district team (Mr TAM Hoi-pong).

28. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD responded that the LCSD would provide 36 free sessions on its football pitches per football season for the authorised district team for training uses.

29. The Chairman said that the procedures for recruiting a district team could begin in the second quarter of this year with the prerequisite that the team should be a football club that entered the League with the approval of the HKFA in the 2021/22 football season. Members should first decide and approve the method of recruiting the district team at the relevant working group meeting before they could meet with the teams interested in applying to be the Tsuen Wan district team. If a new team was chosen as the district team, it would represent Tsuen Wan district in the League of the HKFA of the 2021/22 football season. After the team had been authorised to be the district team, the LCSD would reserve football pitches for the team for training uses, and the team would have the preferential right to select and use a football pitch in Tsuen Wan district as its “home” ground. On the other hand, while the competition venues of the League of the HKFA would be decided by the HKFA, teams of the first, second, and third divisions would be arranged to compete on football pitches in their respective districts as far as possible. If the football teams were the Hong Kong Premier League clubs, they would enjoy the right to select their “home” grounds; if

they were district teams, they would have the preferential right to select and use football pitches in their respective districts as their “home” grounds. The relevant working group would discuss matters on recruiting a new district team and authorisation in detail.

30. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 15 April 2021 and the deadline for submission of papers was 26 March 2021.

VII Adjournment of Meeting

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

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

12 March 2021