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Minutes of the 13th Meeting of
Social Services and Community Development Committee (1/2023)

Date : 29 June 2023
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Mr WONG Ka-wa (Chairman)
Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH
Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH
Mr CHAN Sung-ip, BBS, MH
Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly
Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio
Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Government Representatives

Mr HO Kwok-yan, Philip	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms YUEN Mo-kuen, Monita	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing) ³ , Social Welfare Department
Ms CHAN Sui-wun, Wendy	Senior School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan) ¹ , Education Bureau
Ms LIM Merry	Manager (New Territories South) Marketing and District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LO Man-nin, Patty	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) District Support, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
Representatives

Mr LIM Kuen	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss MAK Wing-yan, Wendy (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) ³ , Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr NG Cheuk-pong, James	Executive Officer (District Council) ⁴ , Tsuen Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:
For discussion of item 3

Ms YUEN Mo-kuen, Monita

Assistant District Social Welfare Officer
(Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)³, Social Welfare
Department

Absent:

Member

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 13th meeting of the Social Services and Community Development Committee (SSCDC), and introduced:

- (1) Ms LO Man-nin, Patty, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) District Support, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), who attended this meeting on behalf of Ms TSE Sai-lin, Jasmine; and
- (2) Mr HO Kwok-yan, Philip, who attended the meeting for the first time and replaced Ms HUI Yuen-mei, May to assume the post of Senior Liaison Officer (2) (SLO(2)), Tsuen Wan District Office.

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

3. The Chairman reminded Members that according to section 28 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, each Member might speak for each agenda item once at the meeting. For each agenda item, a maximum of four Members might speak and each of them might speak up to 1.5 minutes. Each Member who had submitted a paper might have up to three minutes to introduce the paper and speak. Each representative from government departments might have up to three minutes for giving responses.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 12th Meeting held on 20.12.2022

4. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had distributed to Members earlier the minutes of the meeting of the SSCDC held on 20 December 2022. The Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendments to the minutes prior to this meeting. The captioned minutes were confirmed without amendment.

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

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

IV Item 3: Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing District Social Welfare Office 2023-24 District Welfare Work Plan

(SSCDC Paper No. 1/23)

6. The Chairman said that Ms YUEN Mo-kuen, Monita, Assistant District Social

Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)³ (ADSWO(TW/KwT)³) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), was responsible for briefing Members on the 2023-24 District Welfare Work Plan.

7. ADSWO(TW/KwT)³ of the SWD introduced the paper.
8. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
 - (1) he was concerned about the problems of street sleepers and illegal gambling. He was aware of the illegal gambling activities at Shek Pik Resettlers' Playground in Tsuen Wan and had witnessed enforcement actions conducted by the Police at the location concerned for multiple times. He hoped that in addition to hanging banners that featured slogans, the LCSD would organise more recreational activities, such as Chess Fun Day, calligraphy classes, radio drama appreciation events, etc., to attract participation from gamblers with a view to reducing their psychological dependence on gambling (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
 - (2) he observed that the elderly and persons with disabilities had to wait for a long time before being allocated a place at the residential care homes (RCHs), and therefore hoped that the relevant departments would build more RCHs to increase the provision of residential care places. Concerning the subdivided unit (SDU) households, Caritas Community Centre – Tsuen Wan would soon set up an “extended living space” on the fourth floor of Tsuen Wan Market to provide additional living space for SDU households. He hoped that the SWD would allocate more resources to the organisation concerned to strengthen the publicity work. Furthermore, apart from organising more activities and providing support services for carers, the SWD should consider the provision of home respite service by live-in volunteers, which would allow carers to take some breaks or attend to personal matters (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
 - (3) he opined that the mental health services in Tsuen Wan district were insufficient that only Caritas Integrated Family Service Center – Tsuen Wan (East) provided clinical psychological services. He hoped that the SWD would allocate additional resources to non-profit social welfare organisations that offered mental health services, and hoped that the Government and all sectors of the community would show greater concern and support for recovered patients (Mr MAN Yu-ming); and
 - (4) the SWD had jointly organised activities with the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) in the past. He hoped that the SWD would direct more resources in the coming year to hold activities with social welfare organisations for the participation of targeted groups such as ethnic minorities, patients recovered from mental illness and elderly persons suffering from emotional distress. Members could contact the SWD after the meeting to follow up on the matter concerned (the Chairman).
9. ADSWO(TW/KwT)³ of the SWD responded as follows:

- (1) the Caritas Addicted Gamblers Counselling Centre (CAGCC), which was funded by the Ping Wo Fund under the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, had introduced its counselling and treatment services for gamblers to Members at the meeting of the SSCDC held on 25 August 2022. She would later convey Members' views on the services to the CAGCC;
- (2) the SWD noted Members' opinions on increasing the provision of residential care places for the elderly and persons with disabilities. Besides, in order to relieve the pressure on carers so that they could take short breaks or deal with personal matters when necessary, the SWD would provide day respite and residential respite services for the elderly and persons with disabilities. The Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing District Social Welfare Office had produced a large amount of publicity materials (e.g. folding fans), on which the QR code for the SWD's "Vacancy Enquiry System for Residential Respite Services for Persons with Disabilities, Residential Respite Service for the Elderly and Emergency Placement for the Elderly" was attached, with a view to further incorporating the information on carer support services into the daily lives of residents in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing. Such information would be widely publicised in the districts so that residents could get to know the latest situation of the day respite and residential respite services provided in the district handily by scanning the QR code;
- (3) as far as SDU households were concerned, the SWD welcomed collaboration opportunities with relevant organisations in the future;
- (4) regarding mental health services, the SWD would enhance the services provided by the 24 Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) in Hong Kong. In 2023-24, the Government would increase the manpower of clinical psychologists in the 24 ICCMWs to strengthen professional support and training. The ICCMW serving Tsuen Wan district was operated by Hong Kong Caritas Wellness Link – Tsuen Wan; and
- (5) she agreed and hoped to promote the SWD's services to the residents in Tsuen Wan through cooperation with the TWDC.

V Item 4: Any Other Business

10. The Chairman said that the Occupational Safety and Health Council would provide a funding of \$40,000 this year to support the TWDC and local organisations in organising promotional activities on occupational safety and health. The Chairman called on Members to contact him or the Secretariat for proposing a list of organisations to be invited before 5 July 2023 for follow-up. The Secretariat would also write to the organisations that had organised such activities in the past and invite them to submit applications again for holding relevant activities. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat sent invitation letters to the two organisations recommended by the Chairman on 4 July 2023.)

(A) Date of Next Meeting

11. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 31

August 2023 and the deadline for submission of papers was 16 August 2023.

(Post-meeting note: The 14th meeting of the SSCDC was postponed to 24 August 2023.)

VI Adjournment of Meeting

12. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

9 August 2023