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Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
Social Services and Community Development Committee (2/20-21)

Date : 26 June 2020  
Time : 2:30 p.m.  
Venue : Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Mr WONG Ka-wa (Chairman)  
Ms CHAN Kim-kam (Vice Chairman)  
Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH  
Mr LI Hung-por  
Mr SHUM Lester  
Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH  
Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus  
Mr LAM Sek-tim  
Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH  
Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly  
Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio  
Mr CHIU Yan-loy  
Mr LAU Chi-hung  
Mr LAU Cheuk-yu  
Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy  
Mr LAU Jackson  
Mr LAI Man-fai  
Mr TSE Man-chak  
Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Government Representatives

Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms LUI Ka-wing	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing) <sup>3</sup> , Social Welfare Department
Miss LAM Shuk-fan, Janice	Senior School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan) <sup>1</sup> , Education Bureau

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

Representatives

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy

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

Miss IP Tung, Natalie

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

Mr YIM Hong-yue, Owen (Secretary)

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

Attendance by Invitation:

For Discussion of Item 4

Professor MOK Ka-ho, Joshua

Vice-President, Lingnan University  
Research Assistant Professor, Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies, Lingnan University

Dr WEN Zhuo-yi, Vincent

Miss AU Wing-lan

Senior Project Officer, Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies, Lingnan University

For Discussion of Item 5

Ms CHAN Sik-yan, Kathy

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

Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine

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

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 Social Services and Community Development Committee (SSCDC).

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

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

3. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received one proposed amendment from Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy prior to this meeting as follows:

- (1) in line 1 of paragraph 20(1) in the captioned minutes, “認為政府與青年交流不足是現今青年對抗政府的主因” (he opined that the insufficient communication between the Government and the youth was the major reason for the resistance against the Government by the youth nowadays) should be amended as “認為政府與青年交流不足是公認的事實，致使近來很多青年認為政府不堪而出來反抗” (he opined that the insufficient communication between the Government and the youth was a known fact and it led to the recent resistance from many young people who believed that the Government was insupportable).

4. The Chairman asked whether Members confirmed the minutes with the proposed amendment. Members unanimously confirmed the minutes with the proposed amendment.

(Note: The Vice Chairman, Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio and Mr LAI Man-fai joined the meeting at 2:35 p.m. Mr LAU Chi-hung joined the meeting at 2:36 p.m.)

### 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: Funds Allocation for Social Services and Community Development Committee 2020/21

(SSCDC Paper No. 6/20-21)

6. The Chairman introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus joined the meeting at 2:38 p.m. Mr MAN Yu-ming and Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 2:39 p.m.)

7. The SSCDC approved the proposal on funds allocation and the administrative arrangement. In 2020/21, the SSCDC was allocated a sum of \$1,995,500 (including 5% budget deficit) for implementation of the District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects).

### V Item 4: Jockey Club Age-Friendly City Project (Tsuen Wan District)

8. The Chairman introduced the following representatives from Lingnan University who attended the meeting:

- (1) Professor MOK Ka-ho, Joshua, Vice-President of Lingnan University;
- (2) Dr WEN Zhuo-yi, Vincent, Research Assistant Professor of the Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies (APIAS) of Lingnan University; and
- (3) Miss AU Wing-lan, Senior Project Officer of the APIAS of Lingnan University.

9. The Vice-President of Lingnan University introduced the background of the project. The Senior Project Officer of the APIAS of Lingnan University reported on

the projects on which the Lingnan University and Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) had collaborated previously.

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

- (1) to build an “Age-friendly City” that was elderly-friendly and age-friendly, it was necessary to provide the community with both the hardware and software. The hardware would include staircases or such equipment retrofitted to public transport as ramps and lifting platforms. The supporting software would, for example, provide support for elderly people who were incapable of self-care and stayed at home for long, or render assistance to members of the public searching for elderly people who were out on the streets. He thought that the Lingnan University and organisers of the district-based programmes under the Jockey Club Age-Friendly City Project could cooperate more frequently with the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or local organisations to organise home visits of the elderly, and identify locations for centralised posting of the public’s notices on missing persons. Besides, he opined that the dementia assessment for the elderly which would be conducted by the volunteers recruited by local organisations as mentioned in the report should be undertaken by nurses or social workers instead for a more accurate reflection of the severity of dementia of the elderly (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (2) he supported the project and agreed that its help to the elderly was significant; however, he thought that there was a need for the enhancement of publicity in view of the inadequate understanding of the project among members of the public and youth in Tsuen Wan district. Besides, he opined that consideration could be given to the provision of pain therapy services, such as Chinese medicine and acupuncture, which were popular among the elderly, and said that it was necessary to enhance the relevant training and services in view of the increased number of elderly people who suffered from dementia (Mr MAN Yu-ming); and
- (3) he agreed with the direction of the project as well as the necessity to enhance the services for the hidden elderly in the district and publicity of the service regarding the dementia assessment for the elderly. He suggested that cooperation with organisations with a political stance should be avoided in organising activities (Mr LAI Man-fai).

(Note: Mr SHUM Lester joined the meeting at 2:58 p.m.)

11. The Vice-President of Lingnan University said that the successful implementation of the project would rely on the support from and cooperation among government departments, District Councils (DCs) and local organisations. He also agreed with Members about the importance of inter-generational harmony. The project included the collection and study of as well as response to the demand from the elderly in the districts, with a view to achieving a “bottom-up” service strategy. It was hoped that, after giving this report and listening to Members’ views, the cooperation with the

government departments, TWDC and local organisations would continue in the future, along with enhancement of publicity and allocation of resources for launching different programmes, so as to assist the elderly to age in place and build an elderly-friendly and age-friendly city together.

12. The Chairman said that the elderly made significant contributions to the community development and had all along maintained close liaison with the youth in the community. He said that the Lingnan University could cooperate with the Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information under the SSCDC to enhance publicity and promote the said project. Besides, he enquired whether Members would support a continuation of Lingnan University's support for the promotion of the concept of "age-friendliness" in Tsuen Wan district so as to maintain Tsuen Wan district's recognised membership in the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

(Note: Mr YAU Kam-ping and Mr LAU Cheuk-yu left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.)

VI Item 5: "Racial Harmony and Exchange Programme in Tsuen Wan"  
(SSCDC Paper No. 7/20-21)

13. The Chairman said that Mr LAU Jackson submitted the paper. The representatives of the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Ms CHAN Sik-yan, Kathy, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) District Support (DDL(M)TW)DS) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); and
- (2) Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion (SM(NTS)P) of the LCSD.

Besides, the SSCDC had not received the formal written reply from the Hong Kong Arts Development Council prior to the meeting.

14. Mr LAU Jackson introduced the paper.

15. DDL(M)TW)DS of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the leisure venues under the purview of the LCSD were mainly used for recreational and sports purposes. However, organisations were welcome to make applications for the use of venues for non-designated uses such as charity functions, festivities or cultural activities;
- (2) when processing an application for the use of a venue, the LCSD would give consideration to factors such as the hiring area, duration of hire period, nature of the activity and impact on other users of the venue, and consult the residents in the vicinity of the venue, District Councillors of the constituencies concerned and relevant government departments through the District Office to strike a balance among the needs of different parties;
- (3) the LCSD would reserve sufficient time slots for sports at the venues and make room for activities of different types of non-designated uses as far as possible. In general, due to the limited supply of venues for activities,

activities of non-designated uses could last for up to three days only and could not be organised on a regular basis unless under special circumstances; and

- (4) the primary aim of the LCSD was to promote “Sport for All”, with the target group being the members of the public over the territory. If relevant departments would like to organise activities related to racial harmony and exchange, the LCSD was willing to cooperate and make arrangements in respect of venues.

16. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the performing arts venues under the purview of the LCSD aimed to promote the development of performing arts in Hong Kong through the provision of professional performing arts facilities and services;
- (2) as an example, the Plaza of the Tsuen Wan Town Hall was one of the venues open for hiring. Non-profit-making organisations could make applications for the use of the said venue for organising activities open for public participation free of charge. Preference would be given to applications for activities with elements of performing arts or activities useful for promoting cultural arts in the community;
- (3) if non-profit-making organisations were interested in making applications for the use of the Plaza in Tsuen Wan Town Hall for organising racial harmony promotion activities, they could submit the application forms to the Tsuen Wan Town Hall. The LCSD would process the applications according to the established procedures on hiring and guidelines for vetting; and
- (4) if the organisations were unfamiliar with the procedures of booking and hiring of the venues, they could direct their enquiries to the booking office of the Tsuen Wan Town Hall or browse the website of the Tsuen Wan Town Hall and download the details.

17. Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)<sup>3</sup> (ADSWO (TW/KwT)<sup>3</sup>) of the SWD responded as follows:

- (1) the SWD had all along made efforts to ensure that the ethnic minorities had equal opportunities to gain access to social services and commissioned three non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in March 2020 to set up three outreaching teams in Hong Kong to serve ethnic minorities. Outreaching services for Tsuen Wan district were provided by the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Outreaching Team for Multicultural Community, which proactively reached out to the ethnic minorities in the district and assisted them by connecting them to welfare services they needed, strengthening family relationships and building community-based support networks, with a view to facilitating their early integration into the community; and
- (2) the SWD would make use of the venues under its purview or those of the subvented NGOs to organise activities which were popular among the ethnic minorities to enhance the ethnic minorities’ integration with the local residents.

(Note: Mr CHAN Sung-ip left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.)

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

- (1) he suggested that the outreaching services should target ethnic minorities and non-Chinese people who were at a younger age, so as to communicate with them more and encourage them to participate in community services. In addition, the SSCDC had allocated funds to local organisations in the district previously for organising activities such as drama competitions for South Asian youth to participate in. He opined that ethnic minorities should be given the opportunity for greater participation in community services or inter-school events so as to promote racial harmony (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (2) he opined that the lack of education in Cantonese and traditional Chinese characters was the major reason for depriving the ethnic minorities of integration into the community. He hoped that government departments such as the LCSD and SWD would consider launching regular activities aimed at the ethnic minorities or supporting relevant activities to be organised by local organisations (Mr TSE Man-chak);
- (3) he agreed with the idea on promotion of racial harmony and enhancement of the understanding of each other's culture. He opined that the Government or DCs should take the lead in attracting members of the ethnic minorities willing to participate in or organise activities proactively. In view that areas around South Wall Road in Kowloon City, commonly known as the "Little Bangkok", would be redeveloped, it raised concern that the Songkran which was a characteristic in the said district would no longer be held. In this connection, he suggested that the TWDC should take over and organise the activity as a regular event (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (4) he enquired of the LCSD whether the Tsuen Wan district could draw reference from the Arts Corner held in Victoria Park to provide performance venues and stalls for the ethnic minorities to hawk or carry out cultural activities. Besides, he opined that, as the LCSD would not give priority to specific ethnic groups on the application for the use of venues, each application should be vetted carefully; otherwise, social problems like those identified previously in Tuen Mun Park might be created. In addition, Members could invite organisations which served the ethnic minorities to make use of the resources of the DC to implement community involvement activities (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
- (5) she supported the promotion of racial harmony in Tsuen Wan district. According to the statistics from the 2016 Population By-census, the populations of various groups of ethnic minorities in Tsuen Wan district were all at the medium level among the 18 districts over the territory. She thought that it was worthwhile to attach importance to the proportion of ethnic minorities in the population of Tsuen Wan district and the focus should be on the facilitation of their integration into the community rather

than the promotion of tourism in the district. She also opined that carnivals and cultural performances could not enhance racial harmony and the form of activity should be based on the wishes of the ethnic minorities. She hoped that government departments would make available venues that allowed gatherings to suit the activities while providing multilingual support (the Vice Chairman);

- (6) he enquired of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) about its views on taking over and organising large-scale cultural activities such as Songkran in Tsuen Wan district and the organisations which provided services for South Asians under the purview of the SWD (the Chairman); and
- (7) he thought that the Government's support for the ethnic minorities was insufficient. On the other hand, new immigrants from China in the past could establish clansmen associations and apply for various types of funding in organisational capacity. He had contacted the TWDO and Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat and learnt that only the Chinese version of the application form for DC funds was available. Thus, he hoped that the TWDO or Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat would allocate resources and provide different language versions of the said application form (Mr LAU Jackson).

19. ADSWO (TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded as follows:

- (1) as far as she knew, the Support Service Centres for Ethnic Minorities under the Race Relations Unit of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) provided language groups and community harmony activities for the ethnic minorities in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing districts via the Hong Kong Community Network LINK Centre. Despite the fact that language education was outside the field of expertise of the social welfare sector, individual organisations had made use of language education as a medium to attract the participation of ethnic minorities;
- (2) the issue of the harmony with ethnic minorities had been discussed in the TWDC in the past, and the Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing Local Committee on Services for Young People of the SWD had also actively responded to relevant proposals and invited NGOs to join hands in implementing the integration work which targeted ethnic minority children and youth, including the "You and Me - Cohesion Project" launched in collaboration with the Yan Chai Volunteer Group, in which basketball teams consisting of ethnic minority youth and local youth were formed to participate in a league and activities on the exchange between the Chinese people and ethnic minorities were organised, so as to introduce community resources to the ethnic minority families; and
- (3) in addition, the SWD worked closely with the schools in the district and the Hong Kong Community Network LINK Centre to serve the ethnic minority youth, with a view to contacting their families through them. NGOs in the district, such as the Caritas Jockey Club Integrated Service for Young People - Lei Muk Shue, Hong Kong Children and Youth Services Jockey Club Belvedere Garden Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre and

HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre, also reached out to the ethnic minority youth to assist their families in integrating into the community.

20. Senior Liaison Officer (2) (SLO(2)) of the TWDO responded as follows:
  - (1) the Government strived to build a harmonious society so that everyone could be equal and respected. The HAD had also launched the District-based Programmes for Racial Harmony, such as language courses and support groups, and would invite NGOs to organise district-based activities so as to deepen the understanding of each other's culture and harmony between different ethnic groups;
  - (2) regarding the hardware support, qualified organisations could book the community halls and community centres in the districts for organising activities. The HAD would continue to tie in with other departments at the district level in the work on promoting racial harmony in the districts; and
  - (3) the TWDO would support the implementation of cultural activities in the district and provide assistance as far as practicable.
  
21. DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD responded as follows:
  - (1) if any organisations contacted the LCSD for making applications for organising activities of non-designated uses, the LCSD would study and strike a balance among factors such as the nature of the activities and the impact on the users of the venues and residents in the surrounding area. The LCSD was willing to tie in with the arrangements of the venues as mentioned by Members thereafter; and
  - (2) the LCSD organised the Art Corner in various large parks such as Victoria Park, Kowloon Park and Hong Kong Park. Non-profit-making organisations or individuals were welcome to make yearly applications for participation in the activity, and approval for participation would be valid for one year. If the said event was to be introduced in Tsuen Wan district, an appropriate location in the district should be identified first. Therefore, the LCSD held that further study on the feasibility of the proposal was required.
  
22. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD responded as follows:
  - (1) regarding the Member's enquiry on the application for the use of venues managed by the LCSD for hawking by non-Chinese people, the specific terms of the hire of the Plaza of Tsuen Wan Town Hall, for example, stipulated that the activities held therein should not involve retail activities of any nature; however, the sale of handicrafts made by the organiser or its subsidiary members would be allowed if the approval of the LCSD was obtained in advance; and
  - (2) the LCSD welcomed any organisations which were interested in booking the Plaza of Tsuen Wan Town Hall for organising racial integration activities to direct enquiries, if any, to the booking office of the Tsuen Wan Town Hall and would provide support in various aspects as far as possible.

23. The Chairman enquired whether Mr LAU Jackson agreed that the SSCDC would send a letter to the HAD to convey Members' aspiration for the provision of the other language versions of the application form for DC funds by the department concerned. Members agreed to the said arrangement.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to the HAD in writing on 13 August 2020.)

VII Item 6: Request for Discussion of Setting Up Food Sharing Stations in Tsuen Wan District

(SSCDC Paper No. 8/20-21)

24. The Chairman said that Mr LAM Sek-tim submitted the paper. Besides, the Chief Secretary for Administration's Private Office had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

25. Mr LAM Sek-tim introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy joined the meeting at 3:38 p.m.)

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

- (1) he learnt that the Chief Secretary for Administration (CS for Adm) had made frequent visits to Tsuen Wan previously to inspect the facilities and hoped that the CS for Adm would, by any chance, attend the meetings of this term of TWDC. In addition, he agreed that basic food assistance should be provided to the unemployed and subdivided unit households. However, despite the fact that there were several large markets and manpower for coordination and redistribution of food to the persons concerned in Tsuen Wan district, he was concerned that the arrangement of allowing members of the public to deposit food would give rise to problems in respect of order, hygiene and food safety. Hence, he hoped that the TWDO and SWD would provide additional resources to the community centres or NGOs for liaison and redistribution of food to the persons in need, or even deploying trained volunteers to the large markets in Tsuen Wan for collection of food upon approval by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (2) he opined that there was a great demand for food recovery service in today's society, and he understood that a large amount of manpower was required for the collection and distribution of food during operation. In general, relevant organisations could only receive funding from the Government for a maximum of two years. Due to the lack of resources and places, these organisations had no other choice but to make use of the said two years to build a reputation in order to obtain sponsorship from other large enterprises for continuing their business. The organisations located in Kwai Chung and Tai Po which he had a close relationship with were lucky to receive assistance from large consortia and could therefore obtain leftover foods

from hotels and supermarkets for distribution. Hence, he hoped that the Government would provide resources, venues and financial support (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);

- (3) he hoped to learn about the government departments which were invited to give response to the paper. Besides, he supported the establishment of food sharing stations and agreed with the Member about the problems on implementation. In his opinion, the collection should focus on food which would not be rotten easily. The provision of cooked food which would go bad easily could be made available only under sufficient manpower (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (4) in light of the long queue of residents in old housing estates which showed up every time an activity of distribution of food was organised and the willingness of the more well-off families to donate surplus food, he agreed to the concept of establishing official food sharing stations. Besides, he opined that the collection of vegetables from the markets could avoid food waste and agreed with the Member that the said proposal would require a large amount of resources. Nevertheless, the collection of food from markets would be a good proposal if the Government could provide adequate resources (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (5) he was disappointed that no departments had sent the representatives to attend the meeting. He agreed with the idea of food sharing and showed his appreciation of a food sharing organisation in Sham Shui Po which obtained resources and manpower from various sectors in the society through fundraising. He held that, as long as there were applications made in compliance with the Guidelines on the Tsuen Wan District Council Funds in the future, the SSCDC would accept the provision of food assistance service by the NGOs with the support of social resources. In addition, as consideration was given to the fact that the relevant resources might be managed by the Commission on Poverty when inviting the government departments to attend the meeting, a letter was sent to invite the Chief Secretary for Administration's Private Office to give responses, and it was learnt from its written reply that the captioned item might be related to the Innovation and Technology Bureau and the Labour and Welfare Bureau. Hence, Members' views were gauged in this meeting and would be relayed to the departments concerned in writing after the meeting (the Chairman); and
- (6) although there were several organisations engaged in the distribution of food in the community, his idea of food sharing stations would only require the provision of food lockers in places identified by the TWDC or TWDO in the district and only limited manpower would be required for management. If he managed to find an office in the future, he would also place a food locker at the door as a sample so that caring people could donate resources and the needy could simply take the food on their own initiative without wasting time on queuing up or making an application. He hoped that the TWDC or TWDO would follow suit (Mr LAM Sek-tim).

(Note: Mr SHUM Lester left the meeting at 3:48 p.m.)

27. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded as follows:
- (1) the SWD provided funding for five NGOs to implement the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects. The relevant organisation that provided services in Tsuen Wan district was St. James' Settlement, which distributed food in various locations in the district including Fuk Loi Estate for provision of short-term food assistance and services to the unemployed, low-income earners, new arrivals and street sleepers, etc.;
  - (2) some NGOs subsidised by the SWD such as the District Elderly Community Centres also provided meal services for their members at a bargain price; and
  - (3) the SWD welcomed the TWDC to participate in the relevant discussion if the TWDC was interested in setting up food sharing stations and wished to cooperate with the District Social Welfare Office.
28. SLO(2) of the TWDO responded as follows:
- (1) she understood that currently, many NGOs made use of community resources, funding allocation or sponsorship from enterprises, and combined the ideas of environmental protection and mutual help in the community to promote the culture of "Save and Share", reduction in food waste and sharing of resources with people in need. For instance, the food rescue and food assistance programme launched by the Food Angel would prepare food packs or hot meals using the food recovered from local food industry for distribution to community members free of charge;
  - (2) a food support service scheme was launched under the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund and the said service in Tsuen Wan district was coordinated by the St. James Settlement, which launched the FOOD-CO food support platform for integration of information and data and liaison with food support service operators, food donors and volunteers to provide food support service; and
  - (3) the TWDO could tender advice and assistance within its scope of work if the TWDC was interested in setting up food sharing stations.
29. The Chairman said that Members who had further views as regards the captioned item might put forth them to the Secretariat in writing within one week. The SSCDC would send letters to the Chief Secretary for Administration's Private Office, Innovation and Technology Bureau, Labour and Welfare Bureau and HAD to convey the above Members' views. Members agreed to the said arrangement.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to the relevant departments in writing on 13 August 2020.)

VIII Item 7: Concern about the Online Fraud in Tsuen Wan District and Beware of Summer Job Scams and Traps  
(SSCDC Paper No. 9/20-21)

30. The Chairman said that Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus submitted the paper. The representative of the department responsible for giving response was Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie, SLO(2) of the TWDO. Besides, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) and Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

31. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus introduced the paper. He pointed out that the FSTB had stated in its written reply that the investigation and law enforcement work as regards frauds was under the terms of reference of the HKPF, but the HKPF stated that the agenda items which were discussed by the SSCDC previously were irrelevant to the HKPF's major terms of reference and therefore it did not send any representatives to attend the meetings. He was disappointed with and confused by their replies and the explanation of the term "terms of reference" by various departments. Neither did he understand how the DC and SSCDC would determine whether a paper was related to an issue at district level. Besides, he queried why the Police stated that livelihood matters or online frauds were out of its terms of reference when it had made indiscriminate arrests, instituted prosecutions indiscriminately or conducted undercover operations after going through reports on social incidents on different online platforms. In this connection, he enquired whether the investigation of cases was under the terms of reference of the Police, or which government department should be held responsible for the matter. He requested to continue discussing the matter at the next meeting and stated that the paper he would submit at the next meeting would be related to the rights and interests of the online consumers, and the Customs and Excise Department, Consumer Council and Commerce and Economic Development Bureau would be invited to send their representatives to join the meeting.

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

- (1) given that the Police had arranged publicity in schools and for elderly people in the district for raising the awareness over online fraud, he did not understand why the HKPF did not send its representatives to attend the SSCDC meeting. Besides, he allowed the discussion of the paper at the meeting because he held that the online fraud mentioned in the paper was common in Tsuen Wan district and therefore the paper was related to the district affairs in Tsuen Wan and within the terms of reference of the SSCDC. In addition, he opined that the HKPF had misinterpreted its terms of reference because he had participated in the summer activities on explanation of online fraud organised by the HKPF as well as activities on the Annual Policing Plan regarding online fraud and street deception (the Chairman);
- (2) he opined that the HKPF should not have its own interpretation of the terms of reference of the Committees or else it could make excuses for not attending any of the meetings. He also deemed the youth affair in the district as mentioned in the paper was within the terms of reference of the SSCDC. Besides, crime prevention and case detection were the duties of the HKPF. In this connection, he requested the SSCDC to seek

clarification from the HKPF as to whether the HKPF would only give response to the papers submitted by Members for the meetings of the District Fight Crime Committee and TWDC or the crime report presented by the HKPF, in which case all the frauds regarding the youth and elderly which were related to the terms of reference of the SSCDC would not be able to be discussed (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);

- (3) he agreed that the occurrence of online fraud was frequent in Tsuen Wan district, and he had received requests for assistance from members of the public in the district in respect of frauds involving assisting lawbreakers in money laundering. In addition, he opined that relevant education was very important to the youths which were likely to breach the law inadvertently and enquired whether the Education Bureau (EDB) had implemented the youth education in schools to raise the youth's awareness over money laundering, online fraud or job scams (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
- (4) he opined that the written reply of the HKPF was disrespectful to the Chairman and pointed out that the Chairman and Secretary should have studied the paper and deemed the content of the paper related to the terms of reference of the SSCDC before allowing the discussion of the paper in the meeting. In his opinion, the content of the paper was related to the affairs in respect of labour, youth and social services mentioned in the terms of reference of the SSCDC. He was discontented at the HKPF for its making excuses not to attend the meeting after giving its own interpretation of the terms of reference of the SSCDC and opined that a reprimand should be given. In addition, he thought that it was impractical to say that agenda items which involved the HKPF could only be discussed at the full council meetings of the TWDC when the Committees under the TWDC should be able to handle most of the agenda items. Besides, as agenda items which were of a heavier political sense might be discussed in the TWDC at present, the burden on the TWDC should not be further increased (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (5) he opined that the HKPF was not entitled to explain the terms of reference of the DC and was actually contradicting itself in that it had stated the captioned item was outside its major terms of reference on one hand, but on the other hand explained in the following paragraph about its operations on fraud prevention. Besides, in view of the frequent occurrence of frauds in summer vacation every year, the HKPF should strengthen its cooperation with the DC. Hence, he was disappointed at the HKPF's failure to send its representatives to attend the SSCDC meeting. In addition, he enquired whether Members' speeches would be recorded verbatim in the minutes (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (6) he agreed that online frauds occurred frequently, and he had received relevant requests for assistance lately. In his opinion, the SSCDC should assist members of the public through promotion of social services and education, and relevant government departments should also attach additional attention and follow up on the matter. Besides, he opined that the SSCDC could enhance the public's awareness of online fraud by

organising group activities and carrying out publicity and education work in schools and community centres (Mr MAN Yu-ming); and

- (7) he was discontented with the HKPF's inaction in the face of the damage in March 2020 to his banner on the prevention of online fraud, which was lawfully displayed in the district. In addition, he pointed out that on the night of 23 June 2020, although thirty to forty police officers were seen patrolling in Lo Tak Court, no police officers were seen at Sam Pei Square Playground, where some forty people were gambling at the same time, and neither did the HKPF send any representatives to attend the SSCDC meeting. Hence, he hoped to learn about the terms of reference of the HKPF and had doubts as to whether the HKPF would send its representatives to attend the meetings only when the SSCDC held meetings at night according to the above duty hours (Mr LAM Sek-tim).

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming left the meeting at 4:02 p.m.)

33. SSDO(TW)1 of the EDB responded that the EDB had contacted the principals of the schools in the district recently and learnt that the schools would remind their students to stay alert to summer job scams and traps on the Internet or other platforms as the summer vacation approached. In view of the countless modus operandi of deception, the EDB would remind the schools again in a timely manner so as to enhance the anti-deception awareness of students.

34. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded that the SWD and youth services subsidised by the SWD were also concerned about the summer job scams as well as scams on the Internet or other platforms. With the summer vacation approaching, the SWD and its youth services would continue to make efforts in enhancing the anti-deception awareness of the youth and educate the youth not to involve in fraudulent activities.

35. SLO(2) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the District Fight Crime Committees in 18 districts over the territory were committed to promoting the message of combating crimes with the Police at the district level;
- (2) in view of Members' grave concern over online fraud and summer job traps, she would relay such concern to the District Fight Crime Committee of Tsuen Wan district and propose using anti-deception as the theme for stepping up the promotion of the message on preventing and combating crimes; and
- (3) if the TWDC gave consideration to organising relevant publicity and education activities with local organisations, the TWDO would provide assistance.

36. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to pay attention to the use of words in the minutes when recording the speeches of Members. Members might put forth amendments to the minutes prior to the meeting if they deemed the minutes concerned

wrong. He pointed out that the captioned item could not be discussed again in the coming six months and suggested that Members should submit papers on different themes prior to the next SSCDC meeting and set out the government departments to be invited to join the meeting in the papers. Besides, Members might put forth views about the captioned item, if any, to the Secretariat in writing within one week. The SSCDC would convey Members' views as mentioned above to the Tsuen Wan Police District of the HKPF in writing. In addition, the SSCDC would send a letter to invite the Police Community Relations Office of the HKPF to send its representatives to attend the SSCDC meetings. Members agreed to the said arrangement.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to relevant departments in writing on 13 August 2020.)

IX Item 8: Application for District Council Funds as regards Activities Co-organised by the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education and Item 9: Application for District Council Funds as regards Activities Co-organised by the Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information

(SSCDC Paper Nos. 10/20-21 and 11/20-21)

37. The Chairman asked the Members of the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education and Members of the Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information if they agreed that the application for DC funds as regards the activities co-organised by the Working Groups and local organisations would be discussed and voted on at this SSCDC meeting. The Members concerned agreed to the above arrangement.

38. The Chairman said that due to the time constraint of the meeting, as both agenda item nos. 8 and 9 were about the applications for DC funds as regards the activities co-organised by the local organisations and the Working Groups, they would be discussed together.

39. The Secretary introduced the paper and read out the list of Members who were concurrently the Members of the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education and Members of the Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information, so as to indicate that they had made declaration of their membership. The membership lists were set out in Annex I.

40. The Chairman said that he had made declaration of his membership of the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education and membership of the Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information which were nominal post titles. Therefore, he could continue to chair the meeting and to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the matter. Besides, he approved that the Members who were concurrently the Members of the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education and Members of the Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information could participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the

matter according to section 48(12) of the Standing Orders.

41. The Chairman asked if Members needed to make declaration of interests immediately. No Members made declaration of interests.

42. After discussion and voting, the SSCDC unanimously approved four funding applications as follows:

<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
<u>(A) Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education</u>		
(1) “Let’s Tour Hong Kong” An Immersive Encounter with Poverty Programme	Caritas Community Centre - Tsuen Wan	41,000.00
(2) Job Expert in Tsuen Wan	Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong - Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan Youth Outreaching Social Work Team	40,000.00
(3) Joyous Celebration of Christmas in Tsuen Wan	Artist Club	60,000.00
<u>(B) Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information</u>		
(1) Together · Same Sky	Yan Chai Hospital Buddha Light Association of Hong Kong Day Activity Centre cum Hostel for Mentally Handicapped	40,000.00

X Item 10: Any Other Business

(A) Funding Scheme for Women’s Development

43. The Chairman said that the Women’s Commission would provide a funding of \$53,000 for the current year for women’s groups and NGOs in the district to organise more activities for promotion of women’s development in the district and build a harmonious community. The themes in 2020/21 were “Enhancing women’s employability and empowering them to live a splendid life”, “Promoting women’s health and enabling them to live a happy life” and “Empowering women and bringing their strengths into full play”. It was hoped that projects which could help women unleash their potential, enhance women’s employability and create an environment that enabled women to work would be carried out in various districts. The TWDC had approved at its meeting on 24 April 2020 that the SSCDC should follow up the above-

mentioned Funding Scheme. The Chairman proposed that the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education should follow up the matter, which would be tasked with the issuance of invitation letters to women's groups in the district to invite them to co-organise the activities. Members unanimously agreed to the said proposal.

(B) Promotional Activities on Occupational Safety and Health 2020-21

44. The Chairman said that the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) would provide funding of \$40,000 for the current year to support the TWDC and organisations in Tsuen Wan to organise promotional activities on occupational safety and health. The SSCDC had received two activity proposals as follows:

	<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organisation</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> <u>(\$)</u>
(1)	“Prevention of Heat Stroke during Outdoor Work” Campaign	Tsuen Wan Safe and Healthy Community Steering Committee	20,000.00
(2)	Work Stress Relaxation Workshop	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims	20,000.00

45. The Chairman stated that he had made declaration of his membership of the Tsuen Wan Safe and Healthy Community Steering Committee which was a nominal post title and did not involve pecuniary interest. Therefore, he could continue to chair the meeting and to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the matter.

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

- (1) he enquired whether the relevant papers were provided to Members at the meeting and whether the voting only implied the support for the direction of the activity proposals. In addition, given that the use of application form for DC funds was required as regards the funding provided by the Environmental Campaign Committee to the TWDC previously, he enquired whether the SSCDC allowed the organisations not to use the application form for DC funds in this case (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (2) he had asked Members to propose organisations to be invited at the previous SSCDC meeting for follow-up, but no proposal was received. Hence, he invited the above two organisations to submit activity proposals. Given that some government departments would provide funding for specific types of activities to be organised by the 18 DCs across the territory, the DC Secretariat would submit applications it recommended to the funding departments for their vetting. Besides, the OSHC had enquired of the TWDC whether it would accept the funding prior to the establishment of the SSCDC (the Chairman); and
- (3) he pointed out that some government departments or public organisations would provide funding for the DC every year, and enquired of the DC

Chairman whether the funding would be accepted. District Councillors had agreed at the TWDC meeting held earlier that the funding from the OSHC would be followed up by the SSCDC. As the funding was provided by relevant departments or public organisations, the application form provided by the departments concerned or public organisations would be used (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly).

47. The Secretary responded as follows:
- (1) the funding by the OSHC was mentioned in the previous SSCDC meeting, and Members had also been invited to put forth proposals on the organisations to be invited to the Chairman or the Secretariat;
  - (2) the SSCDC was responsible for deciding whether it would recommend the activity proposals concerned to the OSHC, whereas the OSHC was tasked with the vetting, funds allocation and reimbursement of funds as regards the activities concerned. The sum of funding for the activities did not come from the DC funds; and
  - (3) the application form was provided by the OSHC. If the SSCDC decided to recommend the two activity proposals, the Secretariat would submit the applications together with the recommendation letters to the OSHC in compliance with its requirements for its follow-up.
48. Members unanimously agreed to recommend the applications for the said funding by the Tsuen Wan Safe and Healthy Community Steering Committee and the Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims to the OSHC.

(C) Date of Next Meeting

49. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 21 August 2020 and the deadline for submission of paper was 6 August 2020.

(Post-meeting note: In view of the epidemic, the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SSCDC was rescheduled to 15 September 2020.)

XI Adjournment of Meeting

50. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat  
14 July 2020

Membership Lists of the Working Groups  
under Social Services and Community Development Committee in 2020-23

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Members: Mr WONG Ka-wa  
Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH  
Mr LI Hung-por  
Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus  
Mr LAM Sek-tim  
Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio  
Mr CHIU Yan-loy  
Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy  
Mr LAU Jackson  
Mr TSE Man-chak

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Rehabilitation and Community Information**

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