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Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
Social Services and Community Development Committee (4/20-21)

Date : 23 October 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)3, Social Welfare Department
Ms WONG Sau-man, Samantha	Senior School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan)1, Education Bureau

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat  
Representatives

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr YIM Hong-yue, Owen (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)3, Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss CHEUNG Wai-nga, Katherine	Executive Officer (District Council)4, Tsuen Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

For discussion of item 3

Mr LIU Hon-wah, Andy	Chief Executive Officer (Planning)1, Social Welfare Department
Ms LAI Wai-man, Irene	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) Management, Social Welfare Department

For discussion of item 5

Mr HO Yiu-wing, Glory	Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force
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The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Social Services and Community Development Committee (SSCDC) and introduced Ms WONG Sau-man, Samantha who replaced Miss LAM Shuk-fan, Janice to assume the post of Senior School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan)1 of the Education Bureau.

2. The Chairman reminded Members of section 28 that according to the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “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 on the item and each of them might speak up to 1.5 minutes. Each Member who 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 response.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 15.9.2020

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

- (1) in line 5 of paragraph 26(2) in the captioned minutes, “位於該公司地址的實為保險公司” (the address of the said company was in fact an insurance company) should be amended as “位於該公司報稱地址的實為保險公司” (the reported address of the said company was in fact an insurance company);
- (2) in line 1 to line 3 of paragraph 32(4) in the captioned minutes, “了解部分人

士會因臨時居所的地點或環境問題而不選擇入住，因此認為政府部門應為類似的邊緣個案的受影響人士提供選項，以較寬鬆的機制為他們提供支援” (he understood that some people might choose not to move in to the said temporary accommodation because of their locations or environmental issues. Thus, he opined that government departments should provide options for the affected people in similar borderline cases so that assistance could be provided to them through a more lenient mechanism) should be amended as “雖然了解部分人士會因臨時居所的地點或環境問題而不選擇入住，但認為政府部門應為類似的邊緣個案的受影響人士提供選項，以較寬鬆的機制為他們提供支援” (he understood that some people might choose not to move in to the said temporary accommodation because of their locations or environmental issues, but he opined that government departments should provide options for the affected people in similar borderline cases so that assistance could be provided to them through a more lenient mechanism); and

- (3) in line 1 of paragraph 45(6) in the captioned minutes, “會否因地區或居住年期而異” (whether it would vary by district or years of stay) should be amended as “會否因來自的地區或居住年期而異” (whether it would vary by region of origin or years of stay).

4. The Chairman asked if Members would endorse the minutes with the proposed amendments. Members unanimously endorsed the minutes with the proposed amendments.

### 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: Purchase of Premises for the Provision of Welfare Facilities (SSCDC Paper No. 24/20-21)

6. The Chairman said that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) submitted the paper and introduced the representatives from the SWD responsible for explaining the agenda item, including:

- (1) Mr LIU Hon-wah, Andy, Chief Executive Officer (Planning)1 (CEO(P)1);
- (2) Ms LAI Wai-man, Irene, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) Management; (SEO(P)M) and
- (3) Ms LUI Ka-wing, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)3 (ADSWO(TW/KwT)3).

7. The Chairman said that for this agenda item, representatives from the government department had up to 20 minutes for introducing the paper, and the total time for discussion was 30 minutes.

8. CEO(P)1 of the SWD introduced the paper.

9. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he enquired of the SWD why the proposed welfare facilities for Tsuen Wan district were less than those proposed for other districts, and why the SWD had preferred the purchase of premises over the conversion of vacant government properties (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu);
  - (2) welfare facilities such as Child Care Centres and Day Care Centres for The Elderly were inadequate. He enquired of the SWD whether the Support Centres for Persons with Autism as mentioned in the paper would also serve the persons with hyperactivity disorder and hoped for provision of more of these facilities (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
  - (3) he pointed out that as relayed by some residents, the Government was going to purchase some of the floors in Riviera Plaza of Riviera Garden for provision of welfare services. He enquired of the SWD whether the rumour was true. In addition, he enquired about the meanings of “planned welfare facilities in specific districts” in line 2 to 3 of paragraph 7, “educational and developmental activities” in line 4 of paragraph 13 and “neighbourhood elderly centre that was below standard” in the last line of paragraph 13 in the paper. He also enquired about the reason for using an approximate number in “office bases for about two teams under the On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services” in line 8 of paragraph 14 to refer to the number of the said teams (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
  - (4) he enquired of the SWD about the principle of selecting the properties and the channels through which the public could propose locations that they considered appropriate for the SWD’s selection. Besides, he hoped that the SWD would consider using other vacant government properties (Mr LAU Jackson);
  - (5) she opined that the welfare facilities proposed for provision in Tsuen Wan district were profoundly inadequate. In view of the community development, ageing population and increasing stress on the carers, it was necessary for the Government to provide a greater number and variety of these facilities in Tsuen Wan district. Thus, she enquired of the SWD whether it had prepared report on the suitable lands or properties in Tsuen Wan district and suggested that consideration should be given to developing social welfare facilities in industrial buildings. Besides, she hoped that the SWD would consider purchasing a property as the permanent accommodation of the Caritas Wellness Link – Tsuen Wan, an Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness serving in Tsuen Wan district, and providing Specialised Co-parenting Support Centres in Tsuen Wan district (the Vice Chairman);
  - (6) the number of welfare facilities proposed for provision in Tsuen Wan district by the SWD was the third least in Hong Kong. He enquired of the SWD about the principle of determining the number of proposed welfare facilities in each district. In addition, he thought that the purchase of properties was only a short-term measure, and consideration could also be given to redeveloping vacant units in old housing estates and converting them for

- welfare use in the long-term planning (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (7) he enquired of the SWD whether it had taken into account the possibility of a breach of land lease as regards the purchase of commercial and residential properties for development of social welfare facilities, and whether it would conduct public consultation on the sites regarding the purchase of properties. He hoped that the SWD would arrange for public consultation and consider the needs and views from the residents in the vicinity as well as the owners of the properties so as to reduce opposition (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
  - (8) he enquired of the SWD whether the sites were confirmed; if not, whether the District Councils could propose the locations, conduct site visits and consult the residents to learn about the needs of the residents in the areas concerned. Besides, he thought that the child care services in Tsuen Wan town centre were inadequate. He also hoped that the SWD would arrange for the purchase of a premise as the permanent accommodation of the Caritas Wellness Link – Tsuen Wan (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
  - (9) he enquired of the SWD about the reason for a smaller number of proposed welfare facilities in Tsuen Wan district and the principle of determining the number of welfare facilities to be provided in each district. Besides, he was concerned about the level of participation of the members of the community in choosing the premises. He hoped that residents and owners' organisations would be consulted after the confirmation of sites to cope with the demand in the district (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy); and
  - (10) he pointed out that the multi-faceted measures currently in place were implemented for compensating for the inadequacy in the previous planning of welfare services by the Government. Besides, in view of the increasing ageing population in Hong Kong and the gradually increasing proportion of the elderly population in the community, provision of additional welfare facilities for the elderly was necessary. Also, as there were many large scale residential developments in Tsuen Wan district in recent years, he opined that the number of welfare facilities proposed for provision in Tsuen Wan district was inadequate and hoped that the SWD would consider providing more welfare service facilities including the Special Child Care Centres cum Early Education and Training Centres, Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres, Integrated Family Service Centres and Day Activity Centres subject to the availability of resources (the Chairman).

(Note: Mr LAI Man-fai left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.)

10. CEO(P)1 of the SWD responded as follows:

- (1) the SWD proposed the provision of around 160 welfare facilities in the 18 districts over the territory after taking into account factors such as the new day services which were in acute demand, existing welfare facilities facing area shortfall or requiring reprovisioning, district profiles, preliminary assessment of the availability of suitable premises, and the number of planned projects of welfare facilities in specific districts;
- (2) the SWD would make optimal use of the \$20 billion allocation to purchase

as many premises as possible for provision of the proposed welfare facilities and, if market situation permitted, more premises for additional welfare facilities. Priorities would be given to the purchase regarding the welfare facilities set out in the paper. The SWD noted Members' proposals and would consider them again as appropriate subject to the availability of resources in the future;

- (3) the SWD had conducted preliminary assessment of the availability of suitable premises in various districts via the Government Property Agency (GPA). The SWD had not confirmed the sites for provision of any of the welfare facilities at the current stage;
- (4) as the Specialised Co-parenting Support Centres provided district-based services, the SWD would purchase a permanent premise in Kowloon West for provision of services to the residents in Tsuen Wan district;
- (5) regarding the sites for the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness, there were of 24 of them over the territory. 17 of them provided services in permanent premises, 5 had already identified permanent premises, while the remaining 2 had preliminarily reserved suitable premises in new development and redevelopment projects;
- (6) the Government would continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach with long- and medium-term strategies to provide suitable welfare facilities in the development projects under different categories, including the redevelopment/conversion projects of the vacant school premises. As it took time to develop these projects, the Government had to adopt the purchase of premises at the same time as a short-term measure in order to provide additional suitable welfare premises as soon as possible starting from next year to cope with the shortage;
- (7) before purchasing the premises, the Government would ensure that the development of the welfare facilities in question was allowed under the corresponding land leases and planning requirements;
- (8) the GPA would identify properties through different channels so that a greater number of suitable premises would be available. For instance, the GPA would consider the property information provided by the owners or real estate agents, approach the property owners directly, identify suitable premises from property advertisements in newspapers, developers/owners and property agents and conduct site visits at targeted districts. The GPA would also make public invitation for saleable properties from owners through its website;
- (9) as the property market was ever-changing, if the relevant information was disclosed for consultation before the purchase of properties, the purchase prices might be affected and the properties might also be purchased by other buyers in the market;
- (10) the sub-committee consisting of professional surveyors at various ranks in GPA would determine the highest acceptable prices for the suitable premises according to the established mechanism. The prices of the properties to be purchased should not exceed the highest acceptable prices to ensure that the prices of the properties were reasonable and in line with the prevailing market

values. Therefore, if the asking prices of the owners exceeded the highest acceptable prices, the Government would not purchase the properties;

- (11) the series of factors mentioned in the paper, including the ageing population, keen demand for child care services from the society and new service requirements or enhancements arising from the promulgation of new initiatives in response to the changing societal needs, all led to an increasing demand for welfare facilities as well as a shortage of welfare premises; and
- (12) the “planned welfare facilities in specific districts” mentioned in the paper referred to the planned projects of welfare facilities by the SWD in the districts concerned. Under the current purchase exercise, these planned projects as well as other factors would be considered to determine the welfare facilities to be provided in each district. “Educational and developmental activities” referred to the learning and educational activities provided to the elderly by various centres. The “neighbourhood elderly centre that was below standard” referred to a neighbourhood elderly centre of which the indoor area was under-sized in the district. The number of teams under the On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services was two.

11. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded that persons with hyperactivity disorder were not the service target of the Support Centres for Persons with Autism. They could receive support from other rehabilitation services funded by the SWD, such as the District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities.

12. The Chairman said that the SSCDC would collect Members’ views on the suitable locations for provision of welfare facilities and relay such views to the SWD and other relevant departments for consideration and follow-up.

V Item 4: The Tsuen Wan District’s Increasing Demand for Psychological Counselling Service Brought about by the Ongoing Epidemic  
(SSCDC Paper No. 25/20-21)

13. The Chairman said that Mr LAU Cheuk-yu submitted the paper. The representative from the government department responsible for giving response was Ms LUI Ka-wing, ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD. Besides, the SWD and Hospital Authority had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members’ perusal.

14. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr SHUM Lester joined the meeting at 3:19 p.m.)

15. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded that the SWD was very concerned about the mental health condition of the members of the community and had launched relevant activities in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing District. The Integrated Family Service Centres and Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness would assist in handling the requests for assistance.

16. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) due to the epidemic, social incidents as well as the unemployment rate which was anticipated to increase continuously in the future, the demand for psychological counselling service from members of the public was on the rise. He hoped that the SWD would provide a contingency plan (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
  - (2) he thanked the SWD for providing assistance previously to the persons who were troubled by mental health problems referred by him. As there was a lack of support centres for mental health services with permanent accommodation in Tsuen Wan district, and the current mode of provision of services through renting commercial buildings had limited the room for development of the said services, he enquired whether staff of the existing Integrated Family Service Centres capable of providing mental health counselling could be re-deployed for assistance with cases and early support of persons who suffered from mental health problems due to family conflicts (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
  - (3) the Caritas Wellness Link – Tsuen Wan, an Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness serving in Tsuen Wan district, still failed to secure a permanent site at present. It could only provide support services through renting a few small and scattered units in Grand City Plaza. In view of its acute shortage of space, she hoped that the SWD would plan the purchase of property for the said organisation as early as possible (the Vice Chairman);
  - (4) he pointed out that the requests for assistance regarding mental health problems and depression caused by anxiety in the district had increased over the past year. He hoped that the SWD would allocate additional resources to relevant community campaigns and purchase a permanent site for the Caritas Wellness Link – Tsuen Wan as early as possible so that the organisation could render full assistance to the persons troubled by mental health problems in the district (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
  - (5) he opined that more and more members of the public suffered from mental health problems in the past two years. He hoped that the SWD would explain the subvention type regarding the Caritas Wellness Link – Tsuen Wan (the Chairman);
  - (6) as members of the community might not accept referral, he hoped to learn about the actual community campaigns carried out by the SWD and suggested that more in-depth campaign activities should be organised in the future. Besides, he hoped to obtain the service provision of the Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness in Tsuen Wan in 2019 and 2020 from the SWD (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu); and
  - (7) he suggested that the SWD should liaise with the churches in the district to carry out community campaigns. He believed that the churches would be willing to provide resources to assist the persons concerned (Mr LAU Chi-hung).
17. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded as follows:
- (1) the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness were services

subsidised by the SWD. The SWD had provided an additional subsidy for the rental paid by the Caritas Wellness Link – Tsuen Wan in recent years to assist the organisation to rent more units on the same floor of Grand City Plaza for delivering services;

- (2) she thanked Members for supporting the purchase of a permanent site for the said Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness. Members were welcome to suggest to the SWD suitable sites for permanent accommodation of the Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness;
- (3) due to the social movement in 2019 and the current epidemic, the demand for mental health services from people of all ages over the territory, including those in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing District, had increased. The SWD established the Tsuen Kwai Tsing Joint Committee, which comprised different service units, in early 2020 and launched the “Action Overcome” in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing District two months ago for early identification of the high risk persons suffering from mental stress through various social welfare organisations, so that social workers, psychiatric or clinical psychological services could be arranged for the persons concerned along with the provision of subsidy. The District Health Centres would also assist in providing relevant primary care services delivered by practitioners;
- (4) through the “Action Overcome”, the SWD actively conducted publicity on concern over mental health of the members of the community in different ways to enhance the resilience of the members of the community. The SWD would invite Members to assist in promotion if there were further details;
- (5) Members were welcome to refer any cases related to mental health problems to the SWD. The SWD would provide support through mobilising the network of social welfare organisations in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing District; and
- (6) the Caritas Wellness Link – Tsuen Wan had served about 320 cases during January and September 2019. The number for the same period in 2020 was roughly the same.

18. The Chairman said that Members could contact and enquire of the SWD about the details of “Action Overcome” after the meeting. They could also enhance the publicity on the importance of awareness over mental health problems through activities organised by the Working Groups.

VI Item 5: Improving the Welfare of Children in Tsuen Wan District  
(SSCDC Paper No. 26/20-21)

19. The Chairman said that Mr LAU Jackson submitted the paper. The representatives from the government departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Ms LUI Ka-wing, ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD; and
- (2) Mr HO Yiu-wing, Glory, Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan) (PCRO(TW)) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF).

Besides, the SWD and Lands Department had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members’ perusal.

20. Mr LAU Jackson introduced the paper.
21. PCRO(TW) of the HKPF responded as follows:
- (1) since its commissioning, the clubhouse for Junior Police Call Tsuen Wan on Market Street had all along been open to members of the Junior Police Call for use as an activity venue. However, after the social incidents in 2019, the clubhouse's outer walls were charred, its gate was damaged by fire, and the windows were broken. The clubhouse had to be closed temporarily for maintenance works so that it could become a safe place again. It would re-open upon completion of maintenance and activities with physical and mental benefits to the youth would continue to be held therein;
  - (2) currently, the number of members of the Junior Police Call Tsuen Wan accounted to nearly 10 000. In 2019, about 5 000 people had used the clubhouse, in which recreational facilities and training courses had been provided to the youth and children before it was damaged;
  - (3) the Junior Police Call Tsuen Wan had all along liaised with schools in the district to organise different activities for the youth to join. The age for joining the Junior Police Call had been lowered from nine to six so that members could participate in the diversified training activities at a young age to learn to be a good citizen and become the future pillars of society; and
  - (4) the Police Public Relations Branch and Police Community Relations Offices would organise regular training activities for members. The SWD or other non-governmental organisations were also welcome to put forth proposals for collaboration in organising youth activities.
22. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded as follows:
- (1) as Members said that there were often children wandering in the streets in Tsuen Wan district, she would contact the corresponding Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres or outreaching teams after the meeting for follow-up; and
  - (2) she welcomed the collaboration with the HKPF to organise youth activities at the clubhouse for Junior Police Call Tsuen Wan. Besides, if the site of the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar was made available to the SWD, the SWD could also arrange for youth activities to be held at the said site.
23. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he pointed out that there were many vacant government lands in his constituency. As there was only one organisation serving children and youth in Tsuen King Circuit, the welfare facility alone was insufficient to cater to the demand from the residents of three constituencies in view of the rapid development of the community. In particular the number of young families in Tsuen King Circuit had increased currently, bringing about a greater demand for children welfare facilities. He hoped that the Government would consider using the vacant lands for developing services or facilities such as playgroups for pre-school children (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);

- (2) he opined that under the prevailing social atmosphere, activities organised by the HKPF or Junior Police Call might not be effective. He suggested that the HKPF should consider releasing the site of the clubhouse for Junior Police Call Tsuen Wan temporarily so that other organisations could organise youth activities at the said site (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
- (3) in light of the redevelopment projects in Tsuen Wan district in the coming ten years, the population in the district would soar, and so would the demand for ancillary welfare facilities from residents. He pointed out that there would be newly completed residential developments near Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar and thus hoped that child care or elderly services would be provided when developing the said site in the future. He also suggested that the HKPF should cooperate with the SWD directly or liaise with other government departments so that social welfare services could be provided to the residents at the said site promptly at the current stage (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (4) the SWD stated in its written reply that the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Tsuen Wan Centre could provide services to the residents in Tak Wah constituency. He agreed with it and hoped that the SWD would allocate additional resources to the said Centre to facilitate its provision of services to the children and youth. Besides, he pointed out that the District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee (DPDFMC) had endorsed the motion on re-planning of the site of the clubhouse for Junior Police Call Tsuen Wan. He hoped that the HKPF would keep this on record. In addition, he had reservations as to whether the HKPF could motivate the participants to develop integrity and honesty through organising children and youth activities (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy);
- (5) in her opinion, the source of social problems was the Government's ignorance of public views, not a lack of counselling services for children or youth. Besides, as the Police had a bad reputation at present, she opined that the HKPF was not suitable for organising children and youth activities. Thus, she would not suggest collaboration between the SWD and Junior Police Call; instead, the SWD should give consideration to collaboration with other social service organisations. Also, she suggested that the SWD should develop more services for supporting the subdivided unit households (the Vice Chairman);
- (6) he pointed out that the patronage of the clubhouse for Junior Police Call Tsuen Wan was low and opined that the HKPF had not made optimal use of the clubhouse. He hoped that the HKPF would review its use of resources (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu);
- (7) there were many South Asian children in Tsuen Wan district. He hoped that the outreaching teams of the SWD would include social workers who knew ethnic minority languages to facilitate the understanding of the needs of the ethnic minorities. Besides, he hoped that the HKPF would inform members of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) of any activities to be held in the clubhouse for Junior Police Call Tsuen Wan in the future (Mr LAU Jackson); and
- (8) younger members of the Junior Police Call had participated in the

volunteering activities sponsored by the TWDC in previous years. He hoped that more opportunities would be provided to the youth and children so that they could serve the district after the epidemic. Besides, he agreed that there were many children wandering in the streets of Tsuen Wan district in the early hours and opined that schoolchildren had relatively little interest in studying under the epidemic. He had advised relevant service organisations of the problem, and hoped that the SWD and organisations under its management would enhance their outreaching services. In addition, he enquired of the organisations under the SWD management whether they had social workers who knew ethnic minority languages (the Chairman).

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming left the meeting at 3:52 p.m.)

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

- (1) she welcomed Members to suggest to the SWD the suitable lands for developing social welfare facilities in the district;
- (2) the SWD would actively liaise with different organisations such as churches to study how to serve the children, youth and their families in the district. Members were welcome to put forth views on the directions of various services; and
- (3) the youth outreaching services and outreaching teams for ethnic minorities of the SWD would provide assistance to the street children of ethnic minority background.

25. PCRO(TW) of the HKPF responded as follows:

- (1) he pointed out that the Development Bureau had given a reply to the DPDFMC on the captioned matter. So far, there was no plan on redeveloping the clubhouse for Junior Police Call Tsuen Wan; and
- (2) the HKPF noted Members' views and hoped that Members would assist in promoting the activities to be held in the future.

(Note: Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.)

## VII Item 6: Information Papers

26. Members noted the contents of the following information paper:

- (1) Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Social Services and Community Development Committee as at 8 October 2020 (SSCDC Paper No. 27/20-21).

27. The Chairman said that if Members wished to invite organisations to apply for the SSCDC funding, they should contact the Secretariat as soon as possible. Otherwise, all the uncommitted funding would be re-allocated by the TWDC.

VIII Item 7: Any Other Business

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

- (1) he opined that many teachers in Tsuen Wan district were gravely concerned about the principles that teachers should follow when developing teaching materials. Thus, he enquired about the reason for not accepting his paper on the said issue as a discussion paper (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (2) he enquired why the captioned matter was not accepted. In addition, he enquired why a new approach was not adopted in this meeting so that Members could continue discussing matters which were incompliant with the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547) when the Secretariat could not provide secretarial service (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (3) Members could follow up on the matter with the Secretariat after the meeting (the Chairman).

(A) Date of Next Meeting

29. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 18 December 2020 and the deadline for submission of paper was 3 December 2020.

(Post-meeting note: The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SSCDC was rescheduled to 2 March 2021.)

IX Adjournment of Meeting

30. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat  
9 November 2020