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Minutes of the 14th Meeting of Tsuen Wan District Council (1/22-23)

Date: 31 May 2022

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly (Chairman)

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, BBS, MH

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

In Attendance:

Mr AU Ka-shing, Billy, JP

District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley

Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr Kerry Paul Lee CAREW

District Commander (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr CHOW Ching-chi, Alfred

Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr FUNG Chi-ho, Eric

Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan) (Designate), Hong Kong Police Force

Ms MA Sau-ching, Annisa

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

Ms HO Mun-ye, Money

District Lands Officer/Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department

Ms YEUNG Sien-ching, Susana

Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (Acting), Lands Department

Ms LUI Hiu-fai, Monica

Chief Transport Officer/NT South West, Transport Department

Mrs LAI CHAN Wai-fan, Clara

Chief Manager/Management (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan), Housing Department

Mr WONG Lap-yan, Ivan

District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms LIU Tze-kwan, Fiona

Chief Engineer/West 2, Civil Engineering and Development Department

Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Dickie	District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy (Secretary)	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss LEUNG Tsz-wai, Apple	Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

For discussion of item 3:

Ms TANG Ho-yan, Joyce	Senior Engineer/2 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
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For discussion of item 4:

Mr CHIU Chung-ming	Senior Engineer/New Territories West 2, Water Supplies Department
Mr HO Ho-yuan	Engineer/New Territories West (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department

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I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman stated that previous meetings of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) had been postponed or cancelled due to the severe epidemic situation. He hoped that after the epidemic had slightly subsided, the TWDC would operate smoothly again so that Members and government departments could maintain close liaison and better their work on people's livelihood in the district, including taking forward projects under the Community Involvement Programme. He welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 14th meeting of the TWDC, and introduced Mr FUNG Chi-ho, Eric who attended the meeting for the first time and would replace Mr CHOW Ching-chi, Alfred to assume the post of Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF).

2. The Chairman reminded Members that according to sections 17(1) and 27 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the "Standing Orders"), any Member who wished to move a motion or ask any question at a meeting of the Council was required to give the Secretary a notice in writing ten clear working days before the meeting. Thus, he reminded Members that the date of the next meeting was 26 July 2022 and the deadline for submission of papers was 11 July 2022. In addition, according to section 28 of the Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, Members could only speak once for each agenda item at the meeting and each Member could speak up to 1.5 minutes. A maximum of five Members could speak on each agenda item. If more than five Members spoke on an agenda item, he would shorten the speaking time of each Member. The Member(s) who had submitted a paper would have 2 minutes to give an introduction and 1.5 minutes to draw a conclusion. The representatives of the departments would have up to 2 minutes to give a response.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming joined the meeting at 2:35 p.m.)

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 13th Meeting held on 18.1.2022

3. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received one proposed amendment from Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio prior to this meeting. The proposed amendment was set out as follows:

- (1) he proposed that the first three sentences of paragraph 32 of the minutes of the 13th meeting held on 18 January 2022 should be amended as “陸靈中議員備悉運輸署提供資料指灣景廣場停車場附近約有 1 600 個時租車位，他指出運輸署人員視察時看見剩餘車位，顯示該處停車位供大於求，這可能屬個別情況，他認為運輸署人員可以多到該處視察兩三天。” (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio noted the availability of about 1 600 hourly parking spaces around the car park of Skyline Plaza according to the information provided by the Transport Department (TD). He pointed out that the TD’s staff came to a conclusion that the supply of parking spaces exceeded the demand at the said location because they found vacant parking spaces during their on-site inspection. In his opinion, it might be an exceptional case and the TD’s staff should spend another two or three days conducting on-site inspections there.).

4. The Chairman enquired whether Members would like to immediately put forth proposed amendments. No Member immediately put forth a proposed amendment.

5. The Chairman enquired whether Members endorsed the minutes and the relevant proposed amendment. Members unanimously endorsed the minutes and the relevant proposed amendment.

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

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

IV Item 3: Progress Report on Major Works in Tsuen Wan (as at 30 April 2022)
(TWDC Paper No. 3/22-23)

7. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) regularly reported to Members on the progress of the major works in Tsuen Wan district. The representative from the CEDD attending the meeting was Ms TANG Ho-yan, Joyce, Senior Engineer/2 (West) (SE/2(W)).

8. SE/2(W) of the CEDD introduced the paper.

9. Mr WONG Ka-wa was concerned about the timetable for the improvement works at Yi O Pier under Project No. 5101CX/D – Improvement Works at Yung Shue Wan Public Pier, Shek Tsai Wan Pier, Yi O Pier and Ma Wan Chung Pier – Design and Construction. Moreover, the Extension of Footbridge Network in Tsuen Wan had been under discussion and implementation for nearly 20 years. According to the paper, it was anticipated that the footbridge project would obtain funding approval from the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the fourth quarter of 2022 and could

commence afterwards. He thus enquired whether the project covered the road section next to Yan Chai Hospital. In addition, emphasis had been placed on the practicality during the discussion on various phases of Project No. 6100TX/D – Construction of Walkway Cover at Hoi Hing Road and Hoi On Road, Tsuen Wan. Hence, he enquired whether the funding was sufficient to cover the entire project. Regarding Project No. 841CL – Site Formation and Associated Infrastructural Works for Development of Columbarium at Siu Ho Wan on Lantau Island, he was concerned about the ancillary traffic facilities at the said location. He opined that it should avoid arranging a single transport boarding area for all visitors, and suggested that the department concerned should provide further information. Also, he suggested that the department concerned should tackle the problem of traffic congestion at Tsuen Tsing Interchange before the completion of the private housing estate on Sha Tsui Road.

10. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio enquired whether Project No. 196WC – Implementation of Water Intelligent Network – Remaining Works could help solve the problem of salt water main bursts. Besides, the investigation of Project No. 877TH – Widening of Tsuen Wan Road and the Associated Junction Improvement Works had been completed. In his opinion, the said project was of vital importance to residents in Tsuen Wan.

11. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu was concerned about the latest progress of Footbridge B under Project No. 145TB – Extension of Footbridge Network in Tsuen Wan. As the pedestrian flow was relatively heavy at the location concerned, he enquired whether the project could commence in 2023 according to the original plan. Regarding Project No. 52CG – Greening Master Plans for the New Territories Southwest – Priority Greening Works, he was concerned about the unsatisfactory result of the planting of trees and flower-beds in the district. He also pointed out that a tree had been planted in his constituency area. The planting location was not only windy but also a spot where dogs would urinate, causing public hygiene problems. He said that the owners' corporations and owners' committees of nearby housing estates opposed the planting of trees at the location concerned. He had also written to the CEDD repeatedly and suggested changing the planting location, and therefore enquired about the progress of the improvement works concerned. Additionally, he was concerned about the rain shelter near the escalator on Mei Wan Street under Project No. 6101TX/D – Provision of Universal Accessibility Facilities at Footbridges, Elevated Walkways and Subways – Package 3 Contract 2. He pointed out that the construction work of the rain shelter was funded by the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme with an allocation of over \$1 million and was expected to take a few years to complete. However, as underground power cables had been found during the investigation, the department concerned adopted an indifferent attitude towards the project. The situation was unsatisfactory. He advised the department concerned to pay attention to the issue in order to avoid wasting public money.

12. SE/2(W) of the CEDD responded as follows:

- (1) regarding Project No. 5101CX/D, the paper might fail to reflect the latest progress of the project because it covered information as at 30 April 2022. The department concerned had submitted the public works proposal for this project to the Panel on Development of the

LegCo on 24 May 2022, and the project had gained support from Legislative Councillors. Subsequently, the department concerned would submit funding application to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee of the LegCo. If it progressed smoothly, the project was expected to commence in 2023;

- (2) regarding the enquiry as to whether the Extension of Footbridge Network in Tsuen Wan covered the road section next to Yan Chai Hospital, the CEDD would ask the department concerned to report to Members after the meeting;
- (3) it could be seen from the entire alignment of Project No. 6100TX/D given in the paper that the walkway cover would extend to the vicinity of Belvedere Garden;
- (4) she noted Members' worries about the traffic arrangements for Project No. 841CL during the grave-sweeping festivals in spring and autumn and their concern over ancillary traffic facilities of the project. Sham Shui Kok Drive, which would be connected with the proposed columbarium facilities at Siu Ho Wan, was currently a dual two-lane carriageway. Its traffic flow was relatively low on weekdays. However, to cope with the additional flow of vehicles and visitors for grave sweeping during Ching Ming Festival and Chung Yeung Festival, the government departments concerned would implement appropriate traffic control measures around the columbarium according to the actual circumstances on site during the grave-sweeping festivals in spring and autumn;
- (5) as the department concerned had sent staff to give responses to the agenda item about improvement in the supply of fresh water and salt water in Tsuen Wan district at this meeting, she suggested that the department should address the Member's enquiry about Project No. 196WC – Implementation of Water Intelligent Network together with its responses to that agenda item during the discussion;
- (6) she noted the Member's concern about Project No. 877TH. The detailed design work for the project had commenced in December 2021;
- (7) the construction of Footbridge B under Project No. 145TB had been authorised pursuant to the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370) in July 2021. The department concerned was working on the detailed design, and it was expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2022. Also, the department was concurrently preparing tender documents, and planned to commence the construction works in 2023 upon completing the funding allocation procedure of the LegCo in the same year; and
- (8) she had conveyed Members' views on Project No. 52CG to the unit concerned of the CEDD, including the installation of fences around the flower-beds to prevent pets from urinating inside. She would approach the unit concerned of the CEDD to learn about the final proposal.

13. District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (DO(TW)) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) responded that with respect to the rain shelter on Mei Wan Street, he would

conduct an on-site inspection and study improvements. Besides, he opined that more flexible and adaptable cost restrictions could be placed on the DMW projects according to the overall DMW budget for the district.

14. Chief Transport Officer/NT South West of the TD responded that the consultant had already conducted a traffic assessment for Project No. 841CL. The TD was reviewing the related report. It would also pay attention to the visitor flow generated by the project and whether the ancillary facilities and services provided under the project were appropriate.

15. The Chairman asked the departments concerned to follow up on Members' views.

V Item 4: Strong Request for Improvement in the Supply of Fresh Water and Salt Water in Tsuen Wan District
(TWDC Paper No. 4/22-23)

16. The Chairman stated that since the captioned agenda item was raised by him, he asked the Vice Chairman to take over the chair.

17. The Acting Chairman said that Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Mr CHIU Chung-ming, Senior Engineer/New Territories West 2, Water Supplies Department (WSD);
- (2) Mr HO Ho-yuan, Engineer/New Territories West (Distribution 1), WSD (E/NTW (D 1)); and
- (3) Mrs LAI CHAN Wai-fan, Clara, Chief Manager/Management (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan) (CM/M(WT&T)), Housing Department (HD).

Besides, the written replies of the WSD and HD were tabled at the meeting.

18. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly introduced the paper.

19. Mr MAN Yu-ming said that apart from Lei Muk Shue Estate and Fuk Loi Estate, there were also frequent occurrences of water main bursts in Tsuen Wan town centre. He learnt that the WSD would carry out water main replacement works in phases, and believed that the problem of water main bursts might be related to the mis-connection between the new and old water pipes. He pointed out the decrease in the number of water main bursts (for example, in Shek Wai Kok Estate) in recent years, and enquired whether the departments concerned had improved their techniques for replacing and laying water pipes.

20. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio noted that the WSD had established a Water Intelligent Network (WIN) in recent years, and enquired whether the works under the WIN could facilitate the effective prevention and tackling of water main bursts. In his opinion, the WSD should avoid carrying out water main maintenance works, especially those involved noisy work procedures, near large housing estates in the small hours as far as possible so as to avoid causing noise problems and affecting the nearby residents. He said that the water main rehabilitation works had improved in

recent years, but opined that the departments concerned should investigate the reasons for water main bursts at locations where such incidents were frequent with a view to identifying a solution to tackle the problem at source.

21. Mr WONG Ka-wa suggested that the WSD should strengthen its work in disseminating information on water main bursts online so that the affected persons could learn about the situations promptly. In his opinion, the WSD could consult District Councillors when carrying out water main repair works and coordinate with the Environmental Protection Department and other departments concerned to obtain relevant permits for prompt commencement of emergency works and resumption of water supply. He pointed out that the water tanks previously used for provision of emergency temporary fresh water supply at Lei Muk Shue Estate were located at an elevated level, which were inconvenient for the elderly residents. He hoped that the departments concerned would improve the arrangement in question.

22. E/NTW (D 1) of the WSD responded as follows:

- (1) the WSD had introduced new material for water main rehabilitation. Fiberglass reinforced plastic was used for the new internal lining of the aged water pipes to extend the service life of the water pipes. While the water main replacement works were underway, the WSD would continue to carry out leakage detection work regularly for existing water pipes which were yet to be replaced so as to monitor and control their risks of bursts. The number of water main bursts in Tsuen Wan district had decreased in recent years, with no drastic changes in their distribution. The WSD would continue to review the condition of the water pipes and carry out improvement works as soon as possible for those assessed with high risk;
- (2) a number of District Metering Areas (DMAs) under the WIN were progressively completed in the fresh water distribution network of Tsuen Wan district. The WSD would continue to set up additional DMAs in the district. The WIN could facilitate the detection of leaking water pipes and thereby enable the arrangement of repair works before the occurrence of a water main burst. According to the information, the number of cases involving emergency suspension of fresh water supply in large housing estates due to fresh water main leakages and bursts was relatively low in recent years. In addition, the WSD was currently mapping out plans to extend the application of the WIN to the salt water distribution network;
- (3) the WSD would review its practice of disseminating information on water main bursts online to make improvement. It aimed to share the relevant situations with members of the public as soon as possible before the suspension of water supply as well as after the resumption of water supply; and
- (4) the Waterworks Ordinance did not stipulate the provision of water charge compensation to users in the event of water main incidents. In case of water main leakages and bursts, the WSD would quickly close the water main valves concerned and complete the emergency repair work expeditiously to resume water supply. During the emergency suspension of salt water supply, the WSD would fill the sea water

service reservoir with fresh water temporarily to maintain the flushing water supply of the affected areas as far as possible. The WSD would also continue to monitor the condition of the salt water mains in the district and enhance the preventive maintenance measures against high-risk salt water mains in order to minimise water main bursts and leakages. These measures included increasing the frequency of leakage detection, installing protection systems, arranging replacement and rehabilitation works more frequently, installing corrosion protection systems, and carrying out proactive repair and improvement works. The WSD would adopt the effective and practical measures mentioned above in a persistent manner to ensure reliable salt water supply, and would enhance its communication with District Councillors and residents in case of a water main burst so as to minimise the impact of such incidents on the residents.

23. CM/M(WT&T) of the HD responded as follows:
- (1) according to the information, suspension of fresh water or salt water supply in the entire public housing estate due to water main bursts had occurred in locations including Lei Muk Shue Estate and Fuk Loi Estate in the past five years. The total number of such incidents in the respective years was three in 2019, one in 2020, one in 2021, and two in 2022;
 - (2) every year, the HD would conduct investigation and collect the maintenance records on underground utilities (such as water pipes and drainage pipes) in housing estates. Improvement works (such as replacing the water pipes and reconstructing the roads of housing estates) would also be taken into consideration where necessary to improve the facilities in the housing estates. Over the past five years, salt water main burst had occurred once in Shek Wai Kok Estate in November 2018, which had led to the suspension of flushing water supply in the entire housing estate; and
 - (3) the HD would look into the situation in relation to the level of the water tanks.

24. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly suggested that the departments concerned should get well prepared and promptly arrange for replacement of any aged water pipes or valves once they were identified. As far as he knew, some water supply systems involved the construction of two water pipes, so that the reserved water pipe would still perform its function to maintain water supply even if one of the pipes bursts. He hoped that the WSD and HD would study the provision of relevant facilities in larger housing estates or courts. He also hoped that in the event of a water main burst, the WSD's staff could identify the location of the water main burst as soon as possible before turning off the water valves and expedite the repair work in order to minimise the inconvenience caused to the residents by suspension of water supply.

25. The Acting Chairman thanked the government departments for giving responses, and requested the departments concerned to consider Members' views.

26. The Chairman resumed the chair.

VI Item 5: Improving the Healthcare System of Tsuen Wan District
(TWDC Paper No. 5/22-23)

27. The Chairman stated that Mr WONG Ka-wa submitted the paper. The consolidated reply of the Food and Health Bureau (FHB), Department of Health (DH) and Hospital Authority (HA) was tabled at the meeting.

28. Mr WONG Ka-wa introduced the paper.

29. Mr MAN Yu-ming said despite the resumption of evening service at Lady Trench General Out-patient Clinic at present, residents who could not attend their follow-up appointments at the said clinic and required medication refill told him earlier that they could not make appointments for medicine collection at the said clinic and were even referred to Mrs Wu York Yu General Out-patient Clinic to collect their medicine. However, the relatively remote location of Mrs Wu York Yu General Out-patient Clinic would cause inconvenience to some elderly persons with mobility problems. He hoped that relevant departments could improve the arrangements for out-patient consultation and medicine collection of patients by increasing the appointment quotas so as to shorten the residents' waiting time. He especially wished for an improvement to the geriatric service. In the light of the large population of Tsuen Wan district and the rising number of youths moving to Tsuen Wan in recent years, he hoped that relevant departments would actively improve the public healthcare services to satisfy the public's demand.

30. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio was aware that dental consultation service was provided at Lady Trench General Out-patient Clinic every Tuesday and Friday. Some residents relayed that they had to queue up for the quotas of the dental consultation service. People in the queue included many elderly persons, and some people would jump the queue, causing chaos. He suggested introducing an online appointment system and a quota ticketing system to smoothen the queue and writing to relevant departments to convey Members' views.

31. Mr WONG Ka-wa suggested that the departments concerned should consider providing medicine delivery service by delivering medicines directly to the doorsteps of the elderly patients who opted for medicine collection without medical consultation. Housing estates such as Shek Wai Kok Estate and Cheung Shan Estate, which had a relatively large number of elderly residents, should be included in such delivery service. He wished for an improvement to the medicine collection and delivery services of Mrs Wu York Yu General Out-patient Clinic near Lei Muk Shue Estate and Lady Trench General Out-patient Clinic near Fuk Loi Estate with a view to benefiting more patients in need.

32. The Chairman regretted the HA and DH's failure to send their representatives to attend the meeting. He remarked that in the past, relevant departments would send officials to the TWDC for exchange of views with District Councillors. Given that the epidemic situation had started to ease recently, officials should have more time for attending meetings. He hoped that the new-term Government could allocate additional resources to satisfy the demands of the public, especially the elderly, for

general out-patient, specialist care and dental medical services as well as medicine collection service, and consider increasing the provision of resources to non-governmental organisations for promotion of community pharmacies so as to relieve the pressure of the public healthcare system. He requested the Secretariat to write to relevant departments to convey Members' views.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to the FHB, DH and HA in writing on 14 June 2022.)

VII Item 6: Matters Relating to the Recommendation of the Tsuen Wan District Council on the District Football Representative Team

(TWDC Paper No. 6/22-23)

33. The Chairman stated that Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Dickie, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); and
- (2) Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley, Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)), TWDO.

Besides, the written reply of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) was tabled at the meeting.

34. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio introduced the paper. He expressed his utmost regret at the HAB's failure to send a representative to attend the meeting. He had received a written reply from the HAB, stating that the representative had other commitments and was therefore unable to attend the meeting. However, the HAB had not given a concrete reply so far. He hoped that the representatives from the TWDO and LCSD would give responses. The Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) had given no reply up till present, although the Chairman had written to it on 9 September 2021. He thus cast doubt on the administrative efficiency of the HKFA. The Hoi King Sports Association (HKSA) had completed the procedure and submitted a tender to the Secretariat. Members had also taken part in the assessment. The HKSA was the only bidding football team which met the requirements. The TWDC had also endorsed the recommendation that the HKSA should be designated as the Tsuen Wan district football representative team ("Tsuen Wan district team") at its meeting on 7 September 2021. The HKSA's enthusiasm for and commitment to football were reflected in the information it provided, and he was profoundly moved. He deeply regretted that the promotion of reform was hindered.

35. Mr KOT Siu-yuen said that the proposal for recommending the HKSA was put forth by the Chairman of the former Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee (RSACFAC). It was related to the unsatisfactory performance of the Tsuen Wan Football Association (TWFA) in matches. However, he opined that the TWFA had all along been committed to nurturing young footballers. It had achieved fair results and was also commendable for its ranking in the Third Division League. He hoped that the TWDC and TWFA would resume a dialogue and revive their partnership, and that the TWDC would re-recommend the TWFA. He noted that the HKSA had participated in the 2021/22 First Division League. While agreeing that the HKSA was enthusiastic about football, he did not understand why it purposely sought to earn the title "Tsuen Wan district team". He was also uncertain about the

HKSA's contributions to Tsuen Wan district. As for the recommendation on the Tsuen Wan district team, he was of the view that the decision of the HAB and HKFA should be respected. Thus, he held that there was nothing debatable about the said matter and time should not be wasted on further discussing it at TWDC meetings.

36. Mr CHAN Sung-ip said that the HKFA had initiated the establishment of district football teams ("district teams") in the 18 districts to participate in the newly-formed Third Division League years ago. Some district teams might be playing in a higher tier league, i.e. the Second Division League. The aim was to train young footballers and raise youngsters' interest in football. The TWDC would only allocate \$100,000 to \$200,000 to the Tsuen Wan district team in the past, but the cost of participating in football matches was about \$500,000 to \$600,000 per year. Thus, the Tsuen Wan district team had to cover the remaining cost on its own. Given the resource constraint, outstanding footballers would be headhunted to join other football teams. He opined that the primary consideration was whether the football team concerned had trained young footballers at the district level.

37. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu said that while taking no particular stance on which football team should the TWDC collaborate with, he was regretful about the matter concerned. When serving as the Vice Chairman of the RSACFAC, he had coordinated with various parties to fight for the resources concerned for the TWFA. However, the TWFA dropped out of the selection at that time, and the HKSA was the only football team participating in the selection. The HKSA was later recommended by the TWDC to serve as the Tsuen Wan district team. Yet, a year had passed and the TWDC had not received any replies to the matter concerned. He thus enquired about the roles of the TWDC; whether the procedures complied with the regulations; and whether there was maladministration by departments.

38. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) under the District Football Funding Scheme, the LCSD would provide district teams with 36 free sessions on its football pitches per football season for training uses; and
- (2) the LCSD was awaiting the HKFA's confirmation of the list of 18 district teams for the 2022/23 football season. Upon receiving the list, it would contact the district teams to discuss matters relating to training venues.

39. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the HAB had given a written reply to the matters relating to district teams. It was stated in the reply that under the District Football Funding Scheme, the HAB would provide funding for 18 district teams confirmed by the HKFA; and
- (2) upon the TWDC's endorsement of recommending the HKSA to serve as the Tsuen Wan district football representative team, the TWDO had informed the HKFA of the result in writing. The TWDO was awaiting the HKFA's reply at the moment.

40. Mr MAN Yu-ming opined that the objective of district football should be training young footballers, thereby raising the standard of football in Hong Kong.

The establishment of district football teams, which was advocated in earlier days, also aimed at nurturing young footballers. If a district football team only intended to be the winning team, youngsters might lose the chance to take part in matches and practise. He strongly supported football teams which nurtured young footballers in Tsuen Wan district. Also, he was aware that many outstanding players of the Tsuen Wan district football representative team were recruited by other football teams. In his opinion, it was also a good thing to bring in new blood to the football sector. Regarding the assignment of the title “Tsuen Wan district team”, he opined that consideration should be given to whether the football team concerned pursued the goal of nurturing young footballers.

41. Mr KOT Siu-yuen said that he had time and again communicated with the TWFA (i.e. the former Tsuen Wan district team) when the recommendation on the district football team was under discussion back then. Yet, the HKSA was recommended eventually. As the TWDC had repeatedly discussed matters relating to the recommendation on the district team, he suggested that the committee concerned under the TWDC should resume a dialogue with the former Tsuen Wan district team and re-examine the current situation. However, he opined that the final decision as to which football team should be authorised still rested with the HKFA. He learnt that some district teams recommended by other districts ceased to take part in matches after one year. Various parties’ time was therefore wasted. He agreed that football teams should primarily aim to train young footballers rather than only focusing on results and victory. He would consider submitting a paper to the committee concerned to express his views.

42. Mr WONG Ka-wa said that the matter concerned was related to the HKFA’s operation. While the TWDC could express its views on matters relating to the recommendation on the district team, the HKFA still had the right of final decision. The HKFA could still determine its own list of district teams even though the TWDC had written to it. He thus had no intention of discussing the matter at meetings of the committee concerned under the TWDC. He hoped that the HKFA would introduce reform, and advised it to accept the co-existence of two representative teams in a district. However, he opined that it was inappropriate for the TWDC to handle the said matter. He hoped that the new-term Government would start a new chapter for the sport sector of Hong Kong.

43. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu was of the view that the objective of this agenda item was not to discuss how to promote youth football. Instead, it was to follow up on the progress of the recommendation on the Tsuen Wan district team endorsed by the TWDC. He pointed out that the HKFA would only recognise football teams authorised by the District Councils (DCs) as district teams in the past. Even though the HKFA had subsequently amended its constitution, it did not mean that the TWDC could not recommend an individual team to serve as the district team. Despite its failure to submit a tender upon receiving a tender invitation issued by the TWDC to different football teams, the TWFA was allocated district resources. In his opinion, the TWDO failed to make an all-out effort to handle matters relating to the TWDC’s recommendation on the HKSA.

44. DO(TW) of the TWDO responded as follows:
- (1) the TWDO noted that it was previously stipulated in the HKFA's constitution that the HKFA would only recognise football teams authorised by the DCs as district teams. However, the relevant provisions had been amended. Hence, although the TWDC could proactively recommend an individual football team to serve as the district team representing Tsuen Wan district to participate in the HKFA's matches, it was not incumbent on the HKFA to recognise the recommended football team. The TWDO believed that as the organiser of the Hong Kong Football League, the HKFA had a host of factors to consider;
 - (2) the HAB stated in its written reply that the application period for the HKFA's 2022/23 leagues closed on 31 May 2022. Football teams interested in participating in the next football season should have already made an application. The HKFA would consider the football team recommended by the TWDC upon receiving the recommendation. However, the decision as to whether an individual football team should be designated as a district team rested with the HKFA; and
 - (3) matters including the promotion of youth training and development of district football teams were sport affairs. The HAB or TWDO were willing to listen to the TWDC's views.

45. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said that as a District Councillor, he should not impose self-restrictions and belittle himself. He pointed out that some Members had declared their vice-chairmanship and membership of the TWFA at the TWDC meeting held on 7 September 2021. He thus enquired whether such declarations should also be made at this meeting. Regarding the Member's proposal for referring the matter to the committee concerned for discussion and resuming a dialogue with the TWFA, he opined that it was unreasonable to discuss the same matter again at meetings of the committee if the TWDC had already made a decision on the recommendation on the district football representative team. Besides, he cited two passages from the Public Accounts Committee Report No. 74 (July 2020). The first passage was taken from page 39, “足總在康文署協助下於 2002 年成立地區足球隊，代表 18 區區議會參加足總的聯賽。民政局於 2011-2012 球季推出地區足球資助計劃，目的是提升地區足球隊的表現和管治水平，以及加強社區的凝聚力，並提高地區層面對足球的興趣” (the HKFA, with the assistance of the LCSO, established 18 district football teams in 2002, which represented the DCs to compete in the HKFA's leagues. Since the 2011-2012 football season, the HAB had implemented the District Football Funding Scheme with the aim of improving the performance and governance of district football teams, as well as strengthening the cohesion of the community and enhancing district-level enthusiasm for football). The second passage was taken from paragraph 108 on page 41, “體育專員在公開聆訊上解釋及民政事務局局長在其 2020 年 6 月 22 日的函件中補充，地區足球隊獲區議會授權代表其所屬地區參與聯賽” (the Commissioner for Sports explained at the public hearings and the Secretary for Home Affairs supplemented in his letter dated 22 June 2020 that district football teams were authorised by the DCs to represent their respective districts to participate in the leagues). He said he understood the reply from the TWDO. However, he opined that the quoted passages showed that there were contradictions, and questioned whether the Government's

authority had been overstepped. In his opinion, the procedural justice should be upheld regardless of the result. Given that the HAB was mentioned in the Public Accounts Committee Report he quoted above, he requested that a letter should be sent to the HAB.

46. Mr CHAN Sung-ip declared his vice-chairmanship of the TWFA. He also pointed out that his earlier remark was an explanation of the aim and history of district football. So, there was no conflict of interest. He agreed on the explanation given by DO(TW). In his opinion, the right of final decision on 18 district football teams still rested with the HKFA although district teams were subsidised by the Government.

47. Mr WONG Ka-wa declared his membership of the TWFA.

48. The Chairman said that the work of recommending the district team had been carried out according to the procedures. However, he regretted that the matter had dragged on for such a long time. While having amended the provisions concerning the recognition of district teams in its constitution, the HKFA had not given a definite reply to the TWDC in respect of its decision so far. Considering that resources were provided for district teams by departments such as the LCSD, the HKFA was obliged to give a reply even if it did not accept the football team recommended by the TWDC. The departments concerned were also duty bound to follow up on the matter. He agreed that a letter should be sent to the HAB, and asked the departments concerned to follow up on the HKFA's decision on the recommendation on the district team after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat received a reply from the HKFA concerning the recommendation on the district football representative team on 2 June 2022, and conveyed Members' views to the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (formerly known as HAB) in writing on 12 July 2022.)

VIII Item 7: Crime Brief for Tsuen Wan District – Comparison of Crime Statistics between 1st Quarter 2022 and 1st Quarter 2021
(TWDC Paper No. 7/22-23)

49. The Chairman said that Mr Kerry Paul Lee CAREW, District Commander (Tsuen Wan) (DC(TW)), would retire soon. He thanked Mr CAREW for having been attentively listening to and proactively following up on Members' enquiries and views, and making a contribution to Tsuen Wan district. He hoped that the successor from the HKPF would also actively listen to and follow up on Members' views.

50. DC(TW) of the HKPF briefed Members on the crime situation of Tsuen Wan district.

51. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio suggested that the HKPF should combat illegal parking on the section of Yeung Uk Road off Citywalk 2 and gambling activities next to Shek Pik Resettlers' Playground. He pointed out the noise nuisance caused by people loading/unloading goods on Ho Pui Street, San Tsuen Street and Chuen Lung Street in the small hours, and enquired about the progress in tackling this problem. Moreover, he pointed out that there were unlicensed hawking activities at

the junction where Tai Uk Street turned into San Tsuen Street. The unlicensed hawkers not only hawked with their cries, but also piled goods on the carriageway. The situation would worsen during weekends, and had caused discontent among nearby residents. He thus enquired about the division of labour between the Police and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in enforcement operations against unlicensed hawking. Additionally, he had received a complaint from the residents of the district. They pointed out that recently a vegetables and fruit wholesaler at the junction of Chuen Lung Street and Yeung Uk Road was seen parking a large goods vehicle at the stop of minibus route no. 409 on Yeung Uk Road for loading/unloading of goods at around 8:00 a.m. It hindered the picking up/setting down of passengers of minibuses and buses at the said location. Parents and children even had to walk past the tail lift of that illegally parked goods vehicle in order to reach the carriageway and board public transport. It was extremely dangerous. Lastly, the noise of hammering metal plates with pieces of wood was often heard near H Cube on Yeung Uk Road in the small hours (around 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.). He assumed that the noise was produced by a recycling factory. He thus recommended that the Police should increase the patrol frequency for a month to deter the noise nuisance to the residents and prevent it from affecting their quality of sleep.

52. Mr WONG Ka-wa thanked the Police Community Relations Office for conducting anti-gambling operations at Lei Muk Shue Estate. As the location concerned was in close proximity to a kindergarten, he proposed that the Police should regularly conduct anti-gambling operations to prevent children from being affected by gambling. Besides, he was concerned about a recent newspaper report on the Police's crackdown on drugs and arrest of a 15-year-old suspect. Hence, he suggested that the Police should pay more attention to the problem of drug trafficking and abuse among young people and enhance the related enforcement action and publicity campaign. He also suggested that the government departments concerned and schools should step up the dissemination of anti-drug messages with a view to protecting the next generation against the evils of drugs.

53. The Chairman stated that the traffic problem of Kwok Shui Road remained serious despite the Police's implementation of measures to prevent traffic congestion thereat. Hence, he proposed that the Police should enhance the relevant measures as well as discuss and decide on appropriate arrangements with warehouse staff of factory premises at the location concerned. This would prevent traffic obstruction and safety problems arising from the parked and waiting vehicles there. Moreover, coaches were often seen parked and waiting outside the cement plant on Fu Uk Road. Those coaches would even enter the cement plant occasionally for a U-turn. This would not only cause traffic obstruction, but was also very dangerous. Since many large vehicles frequently accessed that location, its road surface had been damaged. The Highways Department would assign staff to carry out road resurfacing works there for the third time. He was worried that during the road resurfacing works, illegal parking there would cause safety problems and traffic obstruction. He thus suggested that the Police should pay attention to the traffic condition of the location concerned. In addition, while the Police had stepped up its anti-gambling effort recently, gambling was still rampant at some locations (e.g. Lei Muk Shue Estate) in the district. He therefore advised that the HKPF should continue to enhance its anti-gambling efforts.

54. DC(TW) of the HKPF responded as follows:
- (1) Kwok Shui Road, one of the known traffic black spots in the district, suffered from a serious problem of traffic congestion. The Police had deployed officers for monitoring of the overall traffic condition thereat, and had taken stringent enforcement actions. Between March and April 2022, the Police issued a total of 86 fixed penalty tickets (FPTs) against offending vehicles and drivers at the location concerned. He stated that the Police's operational priority was to ensure smooth traffic flow and road safety. However, the overall traffic flow on Kwok Shui Road could also be affected by such factors as the road design and population density. The Police would continue to take stringent enforcement actions to ensure smooth traffic flow thereat;
 - (2) the Police had taken stringent enforcement actions at Lei Muk Shue Estate to combat the problem of street gambling thereat. In the first quarter of 2022, the Police had conducted two operations against street gambling at Fung Shue House and arrested a total of 31 persons;
 - (3) in addition to taking enforcement actions pursuant to the Gambling Ordinance, the Police issued a total of 41 FPTs against street gamblers and onlookers pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599G) in the first quarter of 2022 to deter people from gathering and gambling during the epidemic. Besides, during the Police's enforcement action conducted outside Block 6 of Lei Muk Shue Estate on 24 May 2022, 12 males were found to be playing card games, but no money transaction was involved in the course. However, as these persons had violated the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Gathering) Regulation, the Police issued FPTs to each of them. Given that the fixed penalty for this Regulation was \$5,000, he believed that it could effectively deter street gamblers and onlookers;
 - (4) from March to April 2022, the Police took stringent traffic enforcement actions on Yeung Uk Road by issuing a total of 568 FPTs against offending vehicles, and towed away a total of four offending private vehicles at Citywalk 2. Additionally, the Police conducted a large-scale traffic enforcement operation in the district on 16 and 17 May 2022 to combat illegal parking and other traffic offences. During the operation, more than 1 300 FPTs were issued against offending vehicles and drivers in total. The Police would continue to conduct similar traffic enforcement operations to combat such offences;
 - (5) regarding the loading/unloading activities at Ho Pui Street, San Tsuen Street and Chuen Lung Street during the night-time, the Police received 18 and 14 relevant noise complaints in February and March 2022 respectively. Upon receipt of the Member's letter dated 7 April 2022, the Police had immediately stepped up its patrol work in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations. Subsequently, the number of noise complaints about such locations decreased to five between April and May 2022. The Police would continue to keep a close eye on the situation;

- (6) the Police noted the Member's views on the loading/unloading activities at Yeung Uk Road in the morning. It would deploy officers to the scene for law enforcement action to ensure road safety;
- (7) regarding the problem of illegal hawkers at Tai Uk Street and San Tsuen Street, the Police would give a written reply in due course;
- (8) on 15 May 2022, the Police detected a case of drug trafficking and arrested a male aged 21 and a boy aged 14. As legal proceedings were in progress, the Police could not provide further information on the case for the time being. Between January and May 2022, there was only one recorded case of drug trafficking in Tsuen Wan district, and that was the case in which the aforementioned juvenile offender was involved. The number of cases was the same as that for the same period in 2021. A juvenile offender referred to a person aged between 10 and 15. Cases of drug trafficking involving juvenile offenders would all be passed on to the Tsuen Wan District Crime Squad for investigation and follow-up; and
- (9) apart from taking law enforcement actions, the Police had stepped up its efforts in organising anti-drug workshops and seminars in schools to educate teachers and students on the serious consequences of drug abuse. The Police would promote anti-drug messages among juveniles and young people through social media platforms. It would continue to take intelligence-led enforcement actions to combat drug offences, and would adopt a community-based approach to enhance the anti-drug awareness of juveniles and young people and prevent them from abusing drugs.

IX Item 8: Crime Brief for Ma Wan – 1st Quarter 2022 and 1st Quarter 2021
(TWDC Paper No. 8/22-23)

55. DC(TW) of the HKPF briefed Members on the crime situation of Ma Wan.

X Item 9: Information Papers

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

- (1) Report of District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee
(TWDC Paper No. 9/22-23);
- (2) Report of Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee
(TWDC Paper No. 10/22-23);
- (3) Report of Traffic and Transport Committee
(TWDC Paper No. 11/22-23); and
- (4) Items Resolved by Circulation by the Tsuen Wan District Council during the Period from 11 January to 23 May 2022
(TWDC Paper No. 12/22-23).

XI Item 10: Any Other Business

57. The Chairman said the Occupational Safety and Health Council had recently informed the TWDC that the "Occupational Safety and Health Promotion Campaign" would be continued in 2022/23. A funding of \$40,000 would also be provided to support the promotional activities on occupational safety and health in the district. The themes for 2022/23 were "prevention of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular

disease”, “maintenance of good personal and working environment hygiene”, “safety of work at height and above ground”, “healthy diet and exercises”, “management of work stress” and “prevention of lower leg muscle strains”. He asked Members to consider whether the matter in question should be passed on to the Social Services and Community Development Committee for follow-up. Members unanimously agreed to the said arrangement.

58. The Chairman said that he had earlier received a letter from the Community Relations Department of the Independent Commission Against Corruption. It invited the TWDC to become a supporting organisation for the “Tsuen Wan District All for Integrity Programme 2022/23”, and hoped to display the TWDC’s logo on relevant publicity materials. Members unanimously agreed to the said arrangement and application.

59. The Chairman said that the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital had earlier invited Members to visit the hospital in the morning of 29 June 2022. The Director of Social Welfare would also visit the TWDC in the afternoon of the same day. He asked Members to pay attention to the details which would be announced in due course. Lastly, he reminded Members that the date of the next meeting was 26 July 2022 and the deadline for submission of papers was 11 July 2022.

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