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Minutes of the 7th Meeting of
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (6/24-25)

Date : 24 February 2025
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH (Chairman)
Mr CHAN Chun-chung (Vice Chairman)
Ms WONG Shuk-fan, Luparker
Mr NG Chun-yu
Mr CHU Tak-wing, MH
Ms LAM Yuen-pun
Mr CHOW Sum-ming
Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH
Ms CHEUNG Man-ka
Ms CHAN Shun-shun
Mr MOK Yuen-kwan
Mr CHAN Hiu-chun, MH
Mr TSANG Tai
Mr FUNG Cheuk-sum
Ms WAH Mei-ling
Mr WONG Kai-chun
Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH
Mr LAU Chung-kong
Mr CHENG Chit-pun
Mr HUI Chun-fai

Government Representatives

Mr KWAN Chun-kit, Eric	District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (Acting), Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms TSE Sai-lin, Jasmine	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) District Support, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LEE Wai-man	Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHAN Sui-wun, Wendy	Senior School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan) ¹ , Education Bureau

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives

Mr LIM Kuen	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms IP Wai-ling, Jennifer (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)3, Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss LEUNG Wai-ching, Clementine	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Tsuen Wan District Office

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 7th meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC).

2. The Chairman stated that according to the requirements stipulated in the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders, if a District Council (DC) Member found that he/she had any direct personal or pecuniary interests in a discussion item or relevant matters when attending a meeting of the Council or dealing with matters related to the Council, the DC Member should declare the interests. The Secretariat had not received any declaration of interests prior to this meeting. The Chairman enquired whether Members had to make declarations of interests immediately. No Member made a declaration of interests immediately.

3. The Chairman said that Members could speak once and make supplementary remarks once on each agenda item at the meeting. Each Member could speak up to two minutes in the first round of speeches and up to one minute in the second round of speeches.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 6th Meeting held on 30.12.2024

4. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment prior to this meeting. The Chairman enquired whether Members had to put forth proposed amendments immediately. No Member put forth a proposed amendment immediately. Members unanimously endorsed the captioned minutes.

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

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

IV Item 3: Proposal for Organising More Outdoor Activities for Tsuen Wan Residents (TWDC CICRC Paper No. 26/24-25)

6. The Chairman said that Ms WONG Shuk-fan, Luparker submitted the paper. The representative from the department responsible for giving responses was Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion (SM(NTS)P), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). Besides, the written reply of the LCSD was tabled at the meeting.

7. Ms WONG Shuk-fan, Luparker introduced the paper.
8. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
 - (1) a Member suggested that the LCSD should provide Members with the timetable of outdoor programmes so that they could assist in publicity;
 - (2) a Member suggested that the LCSD should organise outdoor programmes on a weekly basis to enhance the sense of happiness of local residents;
 - (3) a Member suggested that the Working Group on Promotion of Culture and Recreational Activities (WGPCRA) should discuss activities suitable to be organised in Tsuen Wan district and invite the local Care Teams as well as non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to organise such activities; and
 - (4) the LCSD had previously set up the Entertainment Office, which was responsible for the organisation of various types of activities for participation by residents, including magic, oriental dance and Chinese instrumental performances, etc. A Member enquired whether the LCSD had changed its prevailing practices after the epidemic.
9. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD responded as follows:
 - (1) the LCSD would organised arts and cultural activities (including free outdoor performances) in the district. In 2024, the LCSD had organised a total of 13 arts and cultural activities at outdoor venues such as the Central Plaza in Tsuen Wan Park, The Mills and the Amphitheatre in Nina Park, etc. These activities included the Inclusive Family Puppet Shows, Huqin Music Talk, Community Street Dance Theatres, tap dance performances and exhibitions, etc., with an attendance of over 2 000 participants. In addition, the LCSD had organised activities at venues such as the Shell Piazza of Park Island, the Amphitheatre off Wing Lok House at Fuk Loi Estate, the podium of Shek Wai Kok Shopping Centre and Jockey Club Tak Wah Park, etc. in 2023;
 - (2) regarding the programme plan for 2025/26, the LCSD would continue to organise arts and cultural activities in the district through the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme and the 18dART – Tsuen Wan Community Arts Scheme, with a view to attracting more members of the public to savour culture and arts through appreciation and participation, as well as enriching the cultural lives of local residents;
 - (3) the LCSD noted Members’ suggestions on organising activities at relatively remote locations in the district, holding a wider variety of outdoor programmes for residents in Tsuen Wan district and increasing the frequency of organising outdoor programmes. It would continue to identify suitable outdoor venues in Tsuen Wan district for organising cultural and entertainment activities so as to facilitate the development of performing arts in Tsuen Wan district and enrich the cultural lives of local residents;
 - (4) the LCSD had implemented the 18dART – Community Arts Scheme since 2021/22 to enhance local residents’ interest in performing arts through inviting experienced professional performing arts groups to organise community-based programmes, workshops and performances. In regard to

the performances, under the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme, professional performing arts group and local organisations would tour around different districts to put on performances featuring music, dance, drama and multi-media activities; and

- (5) the LCSD welcomed the WGPCRA to invite the Care Teams and NGOs in the district to organise activities so that local cultural activities would be more diversified.
10. The views and enquiries of Members were further summarised as follows:
- (1) a Member suggested that the LCSD should step up its publicity efforts to attract more residents to participate in activities organised by the LCSD;
 - (2) a Member asked the LCSD to provide information on the outdoor activities organised in 2023/24 for reference by the WGPCRA;
 - (3) a Member advised the LCSD and other government departments to make effective use of public spaces and community halls for organising different activities;
 - (4) a Member pointed out that outdoor activities were more popular among local youth;
 - (5) a Member opined that the population density was relatively high in Tsuen Wan district and suggested that the LCSD should consider the working and rest hours of residents when organising activities;
 - (6) since Lei Muk Shue Estate was quite distant from Tsuen Wan town centre and was densely populated, a Member suggested the LCSD organise more outdoor activities in Lei Muk Shue Estate;
 - (7) a Member wished to gain a better understanding of the situation of local schools participating in the outdoor activities organised by the LCSD; and
 - (8) a Member enquired about the details of outdoor programmes that would be organised by the LCSD in 2025.
11. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD further responded as follows:
- (1) the LCSD would provide Members with information on the outdoor activities organised in 2023/24 after the meeting;
 - (2) the LCSD had organised a percussion concert at Lei Muk Shue Community Hall on 6 December 2024. The LCSD noted Members' suggestions on organising more outdoor activities at Lei Muk Shue Estate;
 - (3) the LCSD had launched the School Performing Arts in Practice Scheme to arrange for performing arts groups to give touring performances and organise workshops at schools. Members could refer to the bi-monthly reports submitted to the CICRC by the LCSD for relevant information; and
 - (4) the LCSD was arranging for the outdoor programmes in 2025 and welcomed input from Members. The LCSD would forward information about the activities concerned to Members in a timely manner. She asked Members to assist in promoting the activities and appealing to local residents for active participation.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had forwarded the Outdoor Performances in Tsuen

Wan District for April 2023 to January 2025 submitted by the LCSD to Members for their perusal on 26 March 2025.)

V Item 4: Information Paper

Recreational and Sports Activities Programme in Tsuen Wan District for 2025/26 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 27/24-25)

12. Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) District Support (DDLMTW)DS of the LCSD introduced the paper.

13. DDLMTW)DS of the LCSD promoted the following activities:

- (1) the LCSD would organise play-in activities related to new sports in Tsuen Wan district in July and August 2025, which included dodgeball, kin-ball, pickleball and tchoukball. The LCSD would forward relevant information of the activities to all Members in a timely manner, and would seek Members' assistance in promoting the activities;
- (2) the Hong Kong Flower Show 2025 would be held at Victoria Park from 14 to 23 March 2025. The LCSD had already issued invitations to the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) for inviting DC Members to attend the event concerned;
- (3) the 15th National Games (the "15th NG") would be held from 9 to 21 November 2025. The 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities (the "12th NGD") and the 9th National Special Olympic Games (the "9th NSOG") would be held from 8 to 15 December 2025. Tsuen Wan Sports Centre would be reserved as a basketball training venue and table tennis competition venue for the 15th NG as well as the 12th NGD and the 9th NSOG from late October to mid-December 2025; and
- (4) the LCSD had already launched the mobile application "SmartPLAY system" (the "SmartPLAY") for members of the public to book facilities and enrol in recreational and sports activities. It would continue to enhance the system concerned. The DC Members' ward offices could register as organisation users in the future to book venue facilities through the SmartPLAY. The LCSD would hold a briefing session on registering as organisation users in the SmartPLAY in Tsuen Wan district on 8 May 2025. She welcomed all Members or representatives from DC Members' ward offices to attend the said briefing session.

VI Item 5: Information Paper

Report on the Performing Arts Programmes to be Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Tsuen Wan District for 2025/26

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 28/24-25)

14. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD introduced the paper.

15. A Member suggested organising street dance activities for the elderly.

16. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD responded that the LCSD had planned to organise a street dance training programme named “Street Dance In Full Swing” in June 2025, targeting youths, adults and the elderly. Participation from elderly persons were welcomed. The information of the activity concerned would be forwarded to all Members in a timely manner.

VII Item 6: Information Paper

Promotional Activities of Public Libraries in Tsuen Wan District for 2025/26 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 29/24-25)

17. Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

18. SL(TW) of the LCSD said that the LCSD would organise the Hong Kong Reading for All Day on 23 April 2025, encouraging members of the public to participate in the activity “Read Together for Half an Hour” at public libraries, community libraries and DC Members’ ward offices. The said activity aimed to cultivate a reading habit and promote a reading culture among the public.

19. A Member said that the libraries regularly hosted thematic book exhibitions, and suggested that the LCSD should provide DC Members with the book lists of the thematic exhibitions concerned as well as the cover images of those books, so that DC Members could display them at their ward offices to engage more people in reading.

20. SL(TW) of the LCSD responded that due to copyright restrictions, the cover images of some books could not be used or reproduced without the consent of the copyright holders. Where circumstances permitted, the LCSD would provide DC Members with the book lists of the thematic exhibitions concerned as well as the cover images of those books.

VIII Item 7: Information Paper

Report on the Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 30/24-25)

21. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD introduced the paper.

22. Passoverdance was the organiser of the 18dART – Tsuen Wan Community Arts Scheme. It would organise a total of four dance performances cum exhibitions at The Mills from 8 to 9 March 2025. There would also be sharing sessions and guided demonstrations. All Members were welcomed to take part in the activities concerned.

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

- (1) the Exhibition Gallery in Tsuen Wan Town Hall had a relatively low utilisation rate. A Member suggested that the LCSD should open up the available slots for NGOs to hire the venue and organise activities so as to provide residents with more diversified cultural and entertainment

experiences; and

- (2) all schools in Tsuen Wan district would hold the Staff Development Day in November every year. A Member suggested that the LCSD should provide convenience to the school sector when they hired venues for organising the aforementioned activity.

24. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD noted Members' views and gave supplementary responses as follows:

- (1) the activity information set out in the captioned paper was activities organised or sponsored by the LCSD. It did not include activities organised by the venue hirers. The LCSD welcomed applications from NGOs for hiring its venues to organise activities; and
- (2) applicants could submit applications for hiring facilities in Tsuen Wan Town Hall three to seven months in advance of the month of hire. The LCSD would allocate the slots by taking into account factors such as the nature and artistic value of activities as well as the capabilities of applicants to organise activities, etc.

IX Item 8: Any Other Business

25. The Chairman said that the Occupational Safety and Health Council had provided subsidies to support the TWDC and local groups in organising promotional activities on occupational safety and health. The CICRC had nominated Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing Residents ASSN (荃灣葵青居民聯會) and Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing Residents Association (荃灣葵青坊眾會) to participate in the aforementioned scheme in October 2024. Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing Residents Association had organised a talk hosted by Chinese medicine practitioners on 15 February 2025 and would hold four stretching classes in March 2025. Moreover, Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing Residents ASSN had organised the "Care about Your Heart – Tsuen Wan Health Day" on 15 February 2025, which included talks and experiential activities of general exercise.

X Adjournment of Meeting

26. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 17 April 2025 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of papers was 1 April 2025 (Tuesday).

(Post-meeting note: The next meeting had been rescheduled for 24 April 2025 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of papers was 7 April 2025 (Monday).)

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
6 March 2025