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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (2/24-25)

Date : 24 June 2024
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, Marcella
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

Government Representatives

Mr KWAN Chun-kit, Eric	Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), 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
Mr NG Cheuk-pong, James	Executive Officer (District Council)4, Tsuen Wan District Office

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 3rd meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC).

2. The Chairman introduced Mr KWAN Chun-kit, Eric, who attended the meeting for the first time and replaced Mr LEE Soeng Him, Sean to assume the post of Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)), Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO).

3. 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.

4. 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 2nd Meeting held on 29.4.2024

5. 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 Meeting

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

IV Item 3: Matters Relating to the Utilisation of School Venues in Tsuen Wan District to Promote the Development of Arts, Culture and Sports (TWDC CICRC Paper No. 10/24-25)

7. The Chairman said that Mr TSANG Tai submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Ms CHAN Sui-wun, Wendy, Senior School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan)1 (SSDO(TW)1), Education Bureau (EDB);
- (2) Ms TSE Sai-lin, Jasmine, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) District Support (DDL(M(TW)DS), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); and
- (3) Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion (SM(NTS)P), LCSD.

Besides, the written replies of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) and EDB were tabled at the meeting.

8. Mr TSANG Tai introduced the paper.

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

- (1) a Member agreed that school venues should be effectively utilised to promote the development of arts, culture and sports, and proposed that the venues of government schools in Tsuen Wan district should first be made available for hire by local groups;
- (2) a Member suggested the EDB collect statistics on the number of schools in Tsuen Wan district that were willing to open up their venues for use by outside organisations;
- (3) a Member wished to gain a better understanding of the participation rates of schools in the Arts-in-School Partnership Scheme (the “Partnership Scheme”) and the Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme (the “Opening up Scheme”). The Member suggested enhancing the appeal of the aforementioned schemes if the participation rates were relatively low;
- (4) a Member suggested relaxing the eligibility for application for the Partnership Scheme and the Opening up Scheme so that more community groups would be able to apply for hiring school venues;
- (5) a Member shared the difficulties that sports groups had encountered when hiring school venues in the past. The Member also pointed out that it was necessary for the schools to deal with issues arising from the lending of school venues such as premises and public liabilities, facility maintenance, cleaning, insurance and manpower, which all incurred additional expenses. The Member was pleased to see that the CSTB had further increased the amount of subsidies provided to schools to support them in opening up their facilities for sports groups to organise sports activities; and
- (6) a Member would like to learn about how the priority would be accorded to different hirers, as well as the procedures and time constraints for hiring venues.

10. SSDO(TW)1 of the EDB responded as follows:

- (1) the EDB had all along been encouraging public sector schools (including government schools, aided schools and caput schools) and schools under the

Direct Subsidy Scheme to partake in the Opening up Scheme and the Pilot Scheme on the Use of School Venues by Arts Groups (the “Pilot Scheme”) launched by the CSTB and EDB, with a view to strengthening school-community collaboration by opening up school facilities/venues for sports groups/arts groups to hire. Under the Opening up Scheme, a total of 225 schools had indicated their willingness to open up school facilities to sports groups in the 2023-24 academic year, and 75 sports groups had planned to organise sports activities in 119 schools; and

- (2) schools had a host of factors to consider in regard to fully opening up school facilities/venues to all groups and/or the public, including security, insurance, manpower and administrative arrangements, etc. Schools were also concerned about the additional expenses incurred by opening up school facilities/venues. The Government would continue to encourage schools to open up school facilities/venues as much as possible subject to their own conditions, and step up its efforts in promoting the development of sports, culture and arts at the school and community levels.

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

- (1) the CSTB, LCSD and EDB would jointly launch the Pilot Scheme in the 2024-25 academic year. Under the Pilot Scheme, some of the school facilities would be opened up after school hours on a pilot basis for rehearsals by non-profit organisations established with the prime objective of fostering arts development. The LCSD expected to increase the number of arts and cultural venues/spaces in the short term, foster the development of the cultural and arts industries, and strengthen the promotion of arts education by providing students with more opportunities of gaining exposure to artistic creations;
- (2) the details of the Pilot Scheme (including the list of participating schools, information of facilities for hire and their available time slots) had been set out on the relevant website. The Pilot Scheme accepted booking applications twice a year, which were from mid-April to May (for bookings between the period from September of the same year to January of the following year) and from mid-September to October (for bookings between the period from February to June of the following year) respectively; and
- (3) the Government would review the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme and consider the way forward in a timely manner.

12. DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) according to the information provided by the CSTB, there were 137 organisations eligible to participate in the Opening up Scheme at present, including the national sports associations recognised by the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), eligible affiliated members of the SF&OC, district sports associations currently subsidised by the Home Affairs Department, subvented sports organisations under the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports launched by the LCSD in 2024-25, and other eligible sports groups. If eligible organisations were

interested in hiring facilities from schools participating in the Opening up Scheme, they could contact the schools concerned directly to obtain information on the use of venues/facilities in detail, and to discuss issues such as the intended use and available time slots of the facilities to be hired, as well as the details of the proposed activities. Organisations intended to hire school facilities would have to submit the application form to the CSTB subsequently, and a copy of the form should be sent to the EDB and the school concerned at the same time. The CSTB would notify the organisations about the results after processing their applications; and

- (2) the CSTB would canvass views from schools and users to review and enhance the Opening up Scheme. The CSTB and EDB had already enhanced the Opening up Scheme in the 2023-24 academic year, including further raising the ceiling of subsidies payable to each school, expanding the list of sports groups covered by the scheme, widening the ambit of the subsidies, and extending the expiry dates of the subsidies.

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

- (1) a Member asked the EDB to provide the data and details of schools participating in the Opening up Scheme in Tsuen Wan district, such as the number of schools hiring out venues and the views of these schools, etc.;
- (2) a Member pointed out that schools would determine the charges for hire of venues in accordance with the guidelines of the EDB. As the current charges for hiring school venues were generally higher than those for hiring venues under the LCSD, it was difficult for groups intended to hire school venues to afford such charges. The Member suggested that the EDB should review the relevant guidelines;
- (3) a Member proposed that charitable institutions/trusts of a public character/local groups which were exempt from tax under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance should be included in the list of groups eligible to hire school venues;
- (4) a Member suggested the CICRC compile a list of recognised organisations in Tsuen Wan district, and the organisations on this list should be allowed to hire school venues; and
- (5) a Member suggested the LCSD accord priority to organisations holding large-scale events in Tsuen Wan district when they applied for hiring the facilities at Tsuen Wan Town Hall.

14. SSDO(TW)1 of the EDB said that the data on the number of schools participating in the Opening Scheme in Tsuen Wan district would be provided to Members for reference later.

(Post-meeting note: Supplementary information from the EDB: Under the Opening up Scheme, a total of eight schools in Tsuen Wan district had indicated their willingness to open up their school facilities to sports groups in the 2023-24 academic year, and four sports groups had conducted 20 sports activities at three of these schools.)

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

- (1) the LCSD noted Members' views, and would convey relevant views to the CSTB; and
- (2) apart from registered arts groups, non-profit organisations established with the prime objective of fostering arts development could also apply for joining the Pilot Scheme.

16. SM(NTS)P and DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD welcomed Members to provide a list of recognised organisations in Tsuen Wan district, and would forward the list concerned to relevant departments for reference.

17. ADO(TW) of the TWDO advised that the representatives from the EDB and LCSD should relay Members' views to their respective departments for follow up, and take Members' suggestions into consideration when reviewing and enhancing the schemes concerned. As regards a Member's suggestion of compiling a list of recognised organisations in Tsuen Wan district, he suggested that the departments concerned should expand the list of recognised organisations under their schemes in a timely manner so that more local groups in Tsuen Wan district would be able to make effective use of school venues.

V Item 4: Information Paper

Report on the Meeting of the Working Group on Promotion of Cultural and Recreational Activities

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 11/24-25)

18. Ms WONG Shuk-fan, Luparker introduced the paper.

VI Item 5: Information Paper

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

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 12/24-25)

19. DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD introduced the paper.

20. DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD reported on the overview of the 9th Hong Kong Games (HKG). She expressed gratitude to District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO, who was also the head of the Tsuen Wan District Delegation (the "Delegation"), members of the Delegation, and DC Members for their enthusiastic support for the athletes as well as their active participation in the Closing cum Prize Presentation Ceremony of the HKG. The athletes representing Tsuen Wan district had won a total of 39 medals in the 9th HKG (including 16 gold medals, 10 silver medals and 13 bronze medals). They had won the overall second runner-up in the table tennis competitions for Group C and in the swimming competitions for Group A, and had even won the overall first runner-up in the volleyball games. She thanked the incredible cheering team formed by the two Sports Ambassadors, DC Members and members of the Delegation for their all-out efforts in cheering for the athletes. The success of Tsuen Wan district in the HKG was attributed to the Tsuen Wan District Selection

Board/Committee/Working Group co-ordinated and established by the TWDO, which had been responsible for nominating members to form the Delegation, as well as arranging for the Delegation and DC Members to participate in various activities of the HKG. In addition, she thanked the Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports and Recreation Association (FTWSRA) for its dedicated efforts in cultivating athletes and arranging the celebration banquet. The LCSD was responsible for selecting and training athletes, hiring coaches, ordering uniforms for the Delegation and outfits for the competing athletes, arranging the pledging ceremonies, and taking care of the athletes during their participation in various activities and competitions of the 9th HKG. She held that the close collaboration of all parties had fully demonstrated the cohesion of the Tsuen Wan community. Moreover, she hoped that more outstanding athletes and cheering teams would be nurtured in Tsuen Wan district to participate in the next HKG.

21. DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD said that the LCSD had all along been committed to promoting “Sports For All” and organising the Sport For All Day in August every year. The Sport For All Day of 2024 would be held on 4 August at Tsuen Wan Sports Centre, with the theme of “Parent-child Exercise for Fun and Fitness”. She thanked the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) and FTWSRA for being the supporting organisations of the Sport For All Day. In addition to the scheduled parent-child physical fitness training, inclusive games for the disabled and able-bodied persons, health talks, sports demonstrations, sport climbing and game booths, members of the public could also join the play-in activities to experience various types of new sports, including floorball, baseball, floor curling, and rouliqiu, etc. The LCSD cordially invited the two Sports Ambassadors and all Members to take part in the aforementioned activities.

22. The Chairman said that the athletes of Tsuen Wan district had achieved remarkable results in the 9th HKG, and wished that they would keep up with the good performance in the next HKG. He thanked the LCSD for their thoughtful arrangements for the HKG.

VII Item 6: Information Paper

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

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 13/24-25)

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

24. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD thanked the Members who had assisted in promoting and attended the Performing Arts Fun Day 2024 held at Tsuen Wan Town Hall on 2 June 2024. The event had attracted over 1 300 audiences and the response had been overwhelming.

VIII Item 7: Information Paper

Report on the Promotional Activities of Public Libraries in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 14/24-25)

25. Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

IX Any Other Business

26. The Chairman suggested that a visit to the soon-to-be-completed Kai Tak Sports Park should be arranged for all Members of the TWDC.

27. ADO(TW) of the TWDO asked the TWDC Secretariat to liaise with the relevant departments and follow up on the arrangements for the visit to the Kai Tak Sports Park.

X Adjournment of Meeting

28. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 26 August 2024 (Monday) and the deadline for submission of papers was 9 August 2024 (Friday).

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
16 July 2024