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Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (1/24-25)

Date : 29 April 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

Ms TAM Wing-sze, Winnie	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr HO Kwok-yan, Philip	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr YUNG Ho-wai, Anthony	Senior Liaison Officer (3), 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

In Attendance:

For discussion of item 5

Mr HO Yiu-wing

Chief Inspector (Operations) (Tsuen Wan),
Hong Kong Police Force

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 2nd meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC).

2. The Chairman introduced Ms IP Wai-ling, Jennifer, who attended the meeting for the first time and replaced Miss MAK Wing-yan, Wendy to assume the post of Executive Officer (District Council)3, Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO). She would serve as the Secretary of the CICRC.

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 1st Meeting held on 26.2.2024

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: Annual Plan for the Community Involvement Programme 2024/25 by the Tsuen Wan District Office (From April 2024 to March 2025)
(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 1/24-25)

7. Ms TAM Wing-size, Winnie, Senior Liaison Officer (1) (SLO(1)) of the TWDO introduced the paper.

8. SLO(1) of the TWDO said that the TWDO planned to launch a number of key community involvement activities in 2024-25, including the “Tsuen Wan Dragon Boat Race 2024”, “Celebration Activities for the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region”, the “Establishment of a Distinctive Photo-taking Landmark with District Characteristics”, “Celebration Activities for the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China”, the “30th Tsuen Wan Arts Festival” and the “Tsuen Wan Festival Lightings Programme 2024-25”. In addition, the TWDO would invite non-governmental organisations (including local organisations and designated groups) to apply for a grant under the Community Involvement Fund (CI Fund) to organise or co-organise different types of community involvement initiatives and activities. Organisations interested in submitting the aforesaid applications could obtain relevant information through the website of the TWDO or by contacting the Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat. The TWDO also welcomed applications from Members.

9. The Chairman enquired when local organisations and designated groups should submit applications for a grant under the CI Fund to organise or co-organise community involvement projects and activities. SLO(1) of the TWDO responded that the TWDO had already started to accept such applications, and details could be found on the website of the TWDO.

V Item 4: Establishment of Working Groups under Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 2/24-25)

10. The Chairman said that a Member suggested setting up a working group under the CICRC to promote cultural and recreational activities in the district at the previous meeting. The Chairman of the Tsuen Wan District Council had agreed to establish a working group under the CICRC on 8 April 2024. The working group was named the “Working Group on Promotion of Culture and Recreational Activities” (the “Working Group”) and its members should hold office until 31 December 2027. The terms of reference of the Working Group were: (1) to assist in publicising and promoting projects and activities related to community involvement, civic education, culture, sports and arts in the district, with a view to enhancing the participation of local residents in such project and activities; and (2) to report the work of the Working Group regularly to the CICRC.

11. The Chairman said that members of the Working Group included Ms WONG Shuk-fan, Luparker (Chairlady), Mr KOO Yeung-pong, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Mr CHOW Sum-ming, Ms CHAN Shun-shun, Mr MOK Yuen-kwan, Mr TSANG Tai, Mr FUNG Cheuk-sum, Ms WAH Mei-ling, Mr WONG Kai-chun, Mr KOT Siu-yuen and Mr LAU Chung-kong.

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

- (1) a Member hoped that the Working Group would assist the CICRC in promoting different cultural and recreational activities to residents and schools in Tsuen Wan district;
- (2) a Member opined that the Working Group should maintain close liaison with local groups to promote cultural and recreational activities concertedly; and
- (3) a Member suggested that if the Working Group intended to undertake projects and activities subsidised by the CI Fund, it might consider co-organising such activities with local organisations or designated groups, and ask the organisations concerned to submit the relevant applications to the TWDO.

VI Item 5: Arrangement for Celebration of Traditional Festivals by Local Groups
(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 3/24-25)

13. The Chairman said that as the paper of this agenda item was submitted by him, he asked the Vice Chairman to take over the chair temporarily.

14. The Acting Chairman stated that Mr KOO Yeung-pong submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Mr HO Yiu-wing, Chief Inspector (Operations) (Tsuen Wan) (CI(O)(TW)), Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF);
- (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.

15. Mr KOO Yeung-pong introduced the paper.

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

- (1) a Member thanked the HKPF, LCSD and TWDO for their continued support and cooperation in the organisation of various large-scale activities in Tsuen Wan district;
- (2) a Member pointed out that Sham Tseng Chiu Kiu Kaifong Yulan Shing Wui Association conducted the traditional “youshen” ritual (also known as the deities parade) every year. However, the procession concerned had been confined to performing the ritual within the pavement area instead of on the carriageways in the past few years. As a result, the atmosphere of the event had been mediocre. The Member hoped that the HKPF would consider

- authorising the organisation concerned to parade along the carriageways so that this intangible cultural heritage could be further promoted to the public;
- (3) it was necessary for the Care Teams to organise activities from time to time so as to fulfil the requirements stipulated in the service contract. There was a huge demand for event venues in Tsuen Wan district. A Member hoped that the LCSD would exercise flexibility when processing venue booking applications, even if the nature of the activities might not fit the use of the venues;
 - (4) all organisations and local groups were required to submit venue booking applications six months in advance of the dates of hire. A Member suggested that the LCSD should allow the groups concerned to submit venue booking applications for upcoming events upon completion of current events; and
 - (5) the scale of the celebration activities for the 27th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the Motherland and the National Day would be rather large this year. A Member anticipated that the implementation of road closures and crowd control measures would be required for some activities, and asked the HKPF to consider relevant applications as well as to provide support.

17. CI(O)(TW) of the HKPF responded as follows:

- (1) Hong Kong residents should have freedom of speech, of assembly and of procession. Members of the public were required to abide by the laws of Hong Kong when conducting activities. It was the Police's statutory duty to manage public meetings and processions held in public places. On the premises of safeguarding national security, public safety, public order and protecting the rights and freedoms of others, the Police would take appropriate measures, including imposing reasonable conditions on notifiable and notified public meetings or processions, to ensure that public order events would be conducted in a legal, safe and orderly manner. Organisers of public order events were also required to maintain good order and public safety throughout the entire meetings or processions;
- (2) the Police would not comment on the circumstances of individual activities. However, the Police had all along been reviewing applications for public order events in accordance with the established mechanism, with a view to striking an appropriate balance between the right of participants to exercise their freedom of expression and the right of the general public to live their lives uninterrupted; and
- (3) the Police would liaise with the organisers as well as the stakeholders of the public order events concerned, and would conduct risk assessments and make appropriate manpower deployment based on the purpose, nature, number of participants, past experience and latest situation of the individual events. Action plans and contingency plans would also be formulated in the meantime.

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

- (1) the LCSD had all along been providing local groups in Tsuen Wan district

with assistance and support in organising celebratory activities for traditional festivals. Traditional festive events such as the “Birthday of Tin Hau” and the “National Day Gala” had been successfully held at Tin Hau Temple Garden and Sha Tsui Road Playground which were venues under the purview of the LCSD. In addition, many local groups had submitted venue booking applications to the LCSD through the TWDO for organising activities and competitions, such as the “30th Tsuen Wan Sports Festival” and activities to boost local economy, etc.;

- (2) the LCSD had been maintaining close liaison with local groups, such as the Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports and Recreation Association and the Tsuen Wan Football Association, to assist them in making early bookings for the venues required for their annual activity plans, so that these local sports associations could better arrange the schedules for trainings and competitions in the coming year. The LCSD welcomed and encouraged eligible organisations and government departments to reserve the venues they intended to use for next year’s activities upon completion of current events, so that the LCSD could provide appropriate assistance as soon as possible;
- (3) regarding the festive activities mentioned by Members, the LCSD would handle the applications concerned in accordance with the prevailing booking procedures; and
- (4) the recreational venues under the purview of the LCSD were mainly used for recreational and sports purposes. Although some venue booking applications were submitted for holding non-designated use activities, the LCSD would process such applications in accordance with the established procedures. Therefore, the LCSD advised that eligible groups should submit booking applications as early as possible so that the LCSD could make appropriate arrangements having regard to the applications from different groups and strike a balance between the venue demand for sports activities and that for celebratory events. The LCSD reminded that organisers should pay attention to whether the noise generated by the activities would affect nearby residents when organising festive celebrations or activities to boost local economy.

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

- (1) the TWDO would hire the venues in Tsuen Wan Town Hall for eight days respectively from June to July and from September to October 2024 (a total of 16 days) to hold celebratory activities for the 27th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to the Motherland and the National Day;
- (2) the LCSD would process applications for hiring the venues in Tsuen Wan Town Hall in accordance with the prevailing booking arrangements, and would consider factors such as the nature and artistic value of the event, the value of promoting culture and arts in the community, and the applicant’s ability to organise events. The LCSD welcomed applications from government departments and local organisations for hiring its venues to organise activities; and
- (3) ordinary booking applications were accepted 3 to 7 months in advance of the

month of hire. For events which required early planning due to special reasons, booking applications could be submitted 8 to 24 months in advance of the proposed month of hire.

(Post-meeting note: Supplementary information on hiring venues under the LCSD: Applications for non-artistic activities could only be submitted within three months prior to the month of hire, except for applications from government departments, DCs or registered schools.)

VII Item 6 & 7: Information Papers

Report on the Recreational and Sports Activities Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Tsuen Wan District for 2023/24 & Report on the Recreational and Sports Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 4/24-25 & No. 5/24-25)

20. DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD introduced the papers.

21. DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD thanked Members and members of the Tsuen Wan District Delegation (the “Delegation”) for their active participation in the events of the 9th Hong Kong Games (HKG). The events of the HKG were reported as follows:

- (1) Mr LEE Soeng-him, Sean, Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO, had attended the “18 Districts’ Pledging cum Cheering Team Competition” on behalf of Tsuen Wan district;
- (2) thanks to the enthusiastic participation of members of the Delegation and Members, the “Tsuen Wan District Delegation’s Pledging Ceremony” had been successfully held;
- (3) under the leadership of Mr KOO Yeung-pong, chief team leader of the Delegation, the “Tsuen Wan Dragon Vitality Team” had won the first runner-up of the “Overall Best Team Costume Prize” in the “About 3km Run” at the “Jockey Club Vitality Run”;
- (4) the promotional video “Tsuen Wan District Team’s Preparation for the Games” featuring Mr AU Ka-shing, Billy, District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (DO(TW)) of the TWDO, together with three deputy heads of the Delegation (i.e. Mr CHU Tak-wing, Mr YAU Kam-ping and Mr WONG Wai-kit), had been arranged to be broadcasted on the MTR in-train televisions to support the athletes in Tsuen Wan district;
- (5) under the leadership and coordination of Mr MOK Yuen-kwan, the “Sports Ambassador”, DO(TW) of the TWDO and three deputy heads of the Delegation had led team leaders and Members to cheer for the men’s futsal athletes competing at the football pitch of Sha Tsui Road Playground;
- (6) Mr CHOW Sum-ming, another “Sports Ambassador”, had coordinated and arranged for Members to visit Sham Shui Po Sports Centre to show support for the table tennis athletes and watch the games. Mr CHAN Sung-ip, team leader of the table tennis team, had shown up on the first day of the competition to support the participating athletes in person at Yuen Long

Sports Centre;

- (7) she thanked Dr IP Kung-ching, Paul, honorary head of the Delegation, for sponsoring the Delegation as well as attending the opening ceremony of the HKG and participating in the marching of the delegations into the venue thereof; and
- (8) she expressed gratitude to all members of the Delegation for their full support of the HKG and their active participation in the opening ceremony on 21 April 2024.

22. The Chairman thanked DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD for her thoughtful arrangements and assistance in the HKG-related activities.

VIII Item 8 & 9: Information Papers

Report on the Performing Arts Programmes to be Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Tsuen Wan District for 2023/24 & Report on the Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 6/24-25 & No. 7/24-25)

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

24. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD supplemented that the “Dance Up Hi! IV” organised by Passoverdance under “18dART Tsuen Wan Community Arts Scheme” had set 30 June, 7, 14 and 21 July 2024 as the programme dates.

25. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD said that the “Performing Arts Fun Day 2024” would be held on 2 June 2024. The promotional leaflets of the said event had been distributed to Members at the meeting.

26. A Member asked for the LCSD to provide more promotional leaflets of the “Performing Arts Fun Day 2024” so as to enhance the publicity of the said event among residents in Tsuen Wan district. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD responded that, to be environmentally friendly, the LCSD had produced an electronic version of the promotional leaflet concerned. She would deliver the printed leaflets to Members at a later time if Members would like to receive more printed copies of the promotional leaflets.

IX Item 10 & 11: Information Papers

Report on the Promotional Activities of Public Libraries Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Tsuen Wan District for 2023/24 & Report on the Promotional Activities of Public Libraries in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 8/24-25 & No. 9/24-25)

27. Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)) of the LCSD introduced the papers.

28. SL(TW)) of the LCSD thanked Mr WONG Kai-chun, Ms WAH Mei-ling and Mr CHAN Hiu-chun for taking part in the activity “Read Together for Half an Hour” held

on 23 April 2024. He was glad that many residents of Tsuen Wan district had participated in the said activity and looked forward to having more Members join the said activity held again in the coming year.

X Adjournment of Meeting

29. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 24 June 2024 (Monday) and the deadline for submission of papers was 6 June 2024 (Thursday).

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

17 May 2024