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Minutes of the First Meeting of
Culture, Arts, Recreation, Sports, Welfare, Education and Public Order Committee
under Yuen Long District Council in 2020

Date : 23 January 2020 (Thursday)
Time : 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Venue : Conference Room, Yuen Long District Council, 13/F., Yuen Long Government
Offices, 2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
Chairman : Mr FONG Ho-hin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Vice-Chairman : Mr NG Hin-wang	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Members : Mr CHAN King-lun, Kisslan	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Ms CHAN Mei-lin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr CHAN Shu-fai	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Ms CHAN Sze-nga	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr HAU Man-kin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr HO Wai-pan	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr HONG Chin-wah	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr KWAN Chun-sang	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr KWOK Man-ho	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr LAI Kwok-wing, Samuel	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Ms LAI Po-wa	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr LAM Chun	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr LAM Ting-wai	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr LEE Wai-fung, Deco	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr LEUNG Tak-ming	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr LI Chung-chi	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr MAK Ip-sing	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr MO Kai-hong	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Ms NG Yuk-ying	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr SHEK King-ching	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr TO Ka-lun	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr WONG Pak-yu	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)
Mr WONG Wai-yin,	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the Meeting)

Zachary

Secretary : Ms KWAN Ching-yi, Executive Officer (District Council)6, Yuen Long
Angela District Office

In attendance

Ms OR Lai-kum, Senior Liaison Officer (3), Yuen Long District Office
Christina
Mr LAM Chi-ming, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Yuen
James Long)1, Social Welfare Department
Ms YU Siu-lei, Gladys Senior School Development Officer (Yuen Long),
Education Bureau
Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support)
Dickie Yuen Long, Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Item 1

Mr YUEN Yiu-tung Manager, Yuen Long Football Club

Absent

Mr NG Kin-wai (Absent due to sickness)

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Mr WONG Wai-yin, Zachary, the Chairman of Yuen Long District Council (“YLDC”), handled the first agenda item of the meeting until the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Culture, Arts, Recreation, Sports, Welfare, Education and Public Order Committee (“CAPOC”) were elected.

Item 1: Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Culture, Arts, Recreation, Sports, Welfare, Education and Public Order Committee (“CAPOC”):

(1) Election of CAPOC Chairman

2. Mr Zachary WONG announced the start of the election of Chairman and Vice-chairman of the CAPOC. The Secretariat had received only one nomination for CAPOC Chairman and only one nomination for CAPOC Vice-chairman before the meeting. The candidate nominated for CAPOC Chairman was Mr FONG Ho-hin, who was nominated by Mr LI Chung-chi, and Mr HAU Man-kin, and Mr TO Ka-lun subscribed the nomination.

3. Mr Zachary WONG asked if Members had any comments. As Mr FONG Ho-hin was the only nominee for CAPOC Chairman, Mr Zachary WONG announced that Mr FONG Ho-hin was elected as Chairman of the CAPOC under the sixth-term YLDC.

(2) Election of CAPOC Vice-chairman

4. Mr Zachary WONG said that the candidate nominated for CAPOC Vice-chairman was Mr NG Hin-wang, who was nominated by Mr HAU Man-kin, and Ms NG Yuk-ying and Mr MAK Ip-sing subscribed the nomination.

5. Mr Zachary WONG asked if Members had any comments. As Mr NG Hin-wang was the only nominee for CAPOC Vice-chairman, Mr Zachary WONG announced that Mr NG Hin-wang was elected as Vice-chairman of the CAPOC under the sixth-term YLDC.

(Mr FONG Ho-hin, the new CAPOC Chairman, presided over the meeting)

Item 2: Funding application by Yuen Long Football Club in respect of “Yuen Long Team for Hong Kong Football Association’s Hong Kong Premier League, Reserve Division League, Senior Shield, Sapling Cup, FA Cup and other competitions in 2019-2020”
(CAPOC Paper No. 1/2020)

6. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 1.

7. The Chairman reminded Members that the following agenda item was pertinent to an application for YLDC funds to organise activities, and took the opportunity to remind them to make an appropriate declaration in respect of interests when they spoke, if necessary. He also asked Members to assess the nature of their titles in order to make an appropriate declaration of interests. Pursuant to Standing Order 48(12), the Chairman of a committee under the District Council should decide whether a member of the committee who had disclosed an interest in a matter might speak or vote on the matter, might remain in the meeting as an observer, or should withdraw from the meeting.

8. The Chairman asked if any of the Members needed to declare their interests, and confirmed that none of them needed to do so.

9. The Chairman welcomed Mr YUEN Yiu-tung, Manager of Yuen Long Football Club (“YLFC”), to the meeting.

10. Members' views and enquiries about the funding application were summarised as follows:

- (1) It was pointed out that the current funding application by the YLFC was a continuation of its funding application in May 2019 (CRCS&HC Paper No. 37/2019);
- (2) A relevant document from 2019 stated that the YLFC would apply for the remaining funds again in 2020, but did not state that the YLFC would file two applications for a total of \$650,000 in DC funds in the year of 2019 to 2020. If the YLFC received \$8,016,000 in sponsorship through the funding application in May 2019, this suggested the YLFC had achieved a fiscal balance for the whole year and should not be given any amount of financial assistance again through the remaining funds of \$118,600. If the YLFC had plans to apply in the year of 2020 for DC funds allocated for March to May of the same year, the document from 2019 should not have said that the YLFC had achieved a fiscal balance, and that it should have declared the expenditures in the nine months (from June 2019 to February 2020) rather than throughout the year;
- (3) A Member suggested that the YLFC quantify the anticipated benefits/effects of the aforesaid funding in the application document so that the Members could have figures to assess the effectiveness of the funding. It was also suggested that the YLFC draft the application document afresh, and that the current application document should not be considered as a continuation of the application document in 2019. It was also suggested that there should be arrangements in the future for the YLFC to apply for funds for its projects separately and to submit full details, relevant progress reports and a final report;
- (4) A number of Members hoped that the YLFC could provide additional supplementary information, such as the funding allocation and expenditure breakdown of all its activities including Hong Kong Premier League, and the information on publicity materials bearing the YLDC emblem, to enable them to assess the effectiveness of the funding more effectively;
- (5) Members expressed concern over the management issues at the YLFC, citing that most of them could not take part in its operations directly after the commencement of the new DC term. It was held that, as the YLDC funded YLFC's activities every year, Members of the YLDC should have the right to get involved in and

monitor the operations of the YLFC, such as by appointing YLDC's representatives as YLFC's directors;

- (6) A Member pointed out that Mr SHUM Ho-kit was a sponsor of the YLFC, according to the organisation chart on its webpage. The Member enquired whether Mr SHUM had sponsored the YLFC and monitored its operations in his capacity as a DC Chairman or a DC representative, and hoped that the YLFC could provide relevant information and respond to the enquiry; and
- (7) An enquiry was made as to why the YLFC had applied for funds in the year of 2020 in relation to its expenditures for March. The Member also enquired whether funding from the District Council should be slashed according to the procedures if the actual incomes generated from activities exceeded the estimated income, so as to strike a real balance between income and expenditure.

11. Mr YUEN Yiu-tung gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (1) The YLFC applied for funds separately in the year of 2019 to 2020 in accordance with the arrangements for the new DC term. The estimated amounts of expenditure as stated in the two application documents were the same at \$8,548,200; and
- (2) The funding received would be used to sponsor activities under Hong Kong Premier League, namely the Reserve Division League, Sapling Cup, the training for "U-teams" (including teams U-10 to U-18), and travelling expenses for footballers. The name of the YLDC would be displayed on both jerseys and promotional publications of the YLFC.

12. Ms Cindy PANG, the Secretary of the District Council, gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (1) The aggregate amount of DC funds applied for by the YLFC in the year of 2019-2020 was \$650,000; and
- (2) Although March, 2020 fell within the financial year of 2019 to 2020, the actual practice was that application documents for reimbursement of DC funds for the current financial year had to be submitted to the Secretariat by the end of February 2020. In other words, expenditures for March would

roll over to the next financial year for calculation. Moreover, according to the application procedures for DC funds, applicant organisations should determine the reimbursement amount by deducting the actual total income from the actual total expenditure. In case of a discrepancy between the actual and estimated amounts of income and expenditure, the funding amount would be adjusted based on the actual amounts of income and expenditure.

13. The aforesaid funding would be used to sponsor YLFC activities in March 2020, but the aforesaid funding application would not be scrutinised in a timely manner at the next meeting of the CAPOC. Therefore, the Chairman concluded that the funding application would be referred to the YLDC meeting on 11 February for further approval. He also asked the YLFC to submit relevant supplementary information and revise relevant application documents for the YLDC's consideration.

(Post-meeting Note: The YLDC invited all its Members on 14 February this year to indicate by circulation of papers whether they would approve the aforesaid funding application. The application was rejected after failing to comply with Order 47(2) of the Yuen Long District Council Standing Orders, which required approval from not less than two-thirds of the Members within a specified period.)

Item 3: Any other business

14. The Chairman said that he had received a motion submitted at the meeting. The motion was moved by Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin and seconded by Mr WONG Pak-yu, Mr MAK Ip-sing and Mr Zachary WONG. The full text of it was as follows:

“During the discussion at the second YLDC meeting earlier today on the terms of reference of ‘a working group on white-clad thugs unleashing an indiscriminate attack on civilians in Yuen Long on 21 July’, which was submitted by the Chairman (in accordance with the District Councils Ordinance to follow up on the indiscriminate attack on civilians by white-clad thugs in Yuen Long on 21 July 2019), the District Officer (Yuen Long) said tersely that the terms of reference were inconsistent with the District Councils Ordinance, and that if the Council gave approval, the YLDO would provide no secretarial support. He then stood up and left the meeting room, followed by the officials of other Government departments including Hong Kong Police Force. This Committee expresses a strong resentment at the District Officer and other Government officials attending the

YLDC meeting, and condemns, in the strongest terms, their willful absence from duties, regardless of the wishes of the public.”

15. Voting on the aforesaid motion was conducted by a show of hands with the names of the Members recorded. Mr NG Hin-wang, Mr Kisslan CHAN, Ms CHAN Mei-lin, Mr CHAN Shu-fai, Ms CHAN Sze-nga, Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin, Mr HAU Man-kin, Mr HO Wai-pan, Mr HONG Chin-wah, Mr KWAN Chun-sang, Mr KWOK Man-ho, Mr Samuel LAI, Ms LAI Po-wa, Mr LAM Chun, Mr LAM Ting-wai, Mr Deco LEE, Mr LEUNG Tak-ming, Mr LI Chung-chi, Mr MAK Ip-sing, Mr MO Kai-hong, Mr NG Kin-wai, Ms NG Yuk-ying, Mr SHEK King-ching, Mr WONG Pak-yu and Mr Zachary WONG voted in favour of the motion.

16. The Chairman announced that the motion had been passed with 25 votes in favour, zero against and zero abstaining.

17. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:30 pm.

Yuen Long District Council Secretariat
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