

**Minutes of the First Meeting of
Yuen Long District Council in 2020**

Date : 7 January 2020 (Tuesday)

Time : 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.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 WONG Wai-yin, Zachary	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Vice-chairman: Mr MAK Ip-sing	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Members: Mr AU Kwok-kuen	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
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 Chi-yeung, Felix	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHING Chan-ming	(Beginning of the meeting)	(10:30 a.m.)
Mr FONG Ho-hin	(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)
Hon KWONG Chun-yu	(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 LAI Wing-tim	(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 Chun-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 MAN Fu-wan, BBS	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr MAN Mei-kwai, Jimmy	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr MO Kai-hong	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr NG Hin-wang	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr NG Kin-wai	(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 SHUM Ho-kit, JP	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr SZETO Pok-man	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr TANG Che-keung	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr TANG Ho-nin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)

Mr TANG Ka-leung	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr TANG Lai-tung	(Beginning of the meeting)	(10:45 a.m.)
Mr TANG Sui-man	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr TANG Yung-yiu, Ronnie	(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)
Ms WONG Wing-sze	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr YOUNG Ka-on	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)

Secretary:	Ms PANG Ka-fong, Cindy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Yuen Long District Office
Assistant Secretary:	Ms WONG Man-ting, Mandy	Executive Officer I (District Council), Yuen Long District Office

In Attendance

Mr YUEN Ka-lok, Enoch, JP	District Officer (Yuen Long)
Mr NG Lak-sun, Nixon	Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long) 1
Ms POON Wai-yi, Joanna	Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long) 2
Mr HUEN Yeuk-hon, John	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Yuen Long District Office
Mr HUI Wai-ming, Kenneth	Senior Liaison Officer (2) (Acting), Yuen Long District Office
Ms OR Lai-kum, Christina	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Yuen Long District Office

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Opening Remarks

Mr Enoch YUEN, JP, District Officer (Yuen Long), welcomed new-term District Councillors to the meeting and congratulated them on becoming Members of the sixth Yuen Long District Council (“YLDC”). He wished everyone a fruitful, healthy and successful year ahead. He said that pursuant to section 62 of the District Councils Ordinance, he would chair the first and second agenda items of the meeting until the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the YLDC were elected. After the election of the YLDC Chairman and Vice Chairman, the YLDC Chairman would take over the chair of the meeting.

2. Members raised no objection to the first and second agenda items. Mr Enoch YUEN, JP announced that the discussion on the agenda items officially began.

Item I: Election of Chairman of Yuen Long District Council

3. Mr Enoch YUEN, JP said that the Secretariat attached the electoral procedures for the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the YLDC to the agenda of this meeting, which was sent to Members on 23 December 2019. He referred Members to Annexes to the letter, which included a nomination form (Annex 1), the “Voting Procedure for Electing Chairman and Vice Chairman” (Annex 2) as specified in Schedule 5 to the District Councils Ordinance, and a sample ballot paper (Annex 3). He also asked Members if they had any questions about the Annexes. As they raised

no questions, he said that the election of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the YLDC would be held in accordance with the procedures set out in the Annexes.

4. Mr Enoch YUEN, JP said that the nomination period for the election of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the District Council began on 23 December 2019 and closed at 9:00 am on 7 January 2020. He noted before the end of the nomination period that the Secretariat had received a nomination form for YLDC Chairman and a nomination form for Vice Chairman. The Secretariat already notified Members of the particulars relating to the candidates, nominators and subscribers within a reasonable timeframe. He said that the Chairman election would be held first, and that the Member nominated had acknowledged on the form his agreement to accept the nomination and the position once elected. Details of the candidate, nominator and subscribers were as follows:

Candidate	Nominator	Subscriber (1)	Subscriber (2)
Mr Zachary WONG	Mr FONG Ho-hin	Mr CHAN Shu-fai	Mr MO Kai-hong

5. As Mr Zachary WONG was the only candidate nominated for Chairman of the YLDC, Mr Enoch YUEN, JP announced that Mr Zachary WONG was elected as Chairman of the YLDC, with his term of office to begin on the same day and expire on 31 December 2023.

Item II: Election of Vice Chairman of Yuen Long District Council

6. Mr Enoch YUEN, JP said that he was conducting the election of Vice Chairman. Details of the candidate, nominator and subscribers were as follows:

Candidate	Nominator	Subscriber (1)	Subscriber (2)
Mr MAK Ip-sing	Mr TO Ka-lun	Ms CHAN Mei-lin	Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin

7. As Mr MAK Ip-sing was the only candidate nominated for Vice Chairman of the YLDC, Mr Enoch YUEN, JP announced that Mr MAK Ip-sing was elected as Vice Chairman of the YLDC, with his term of office to begin on the same day and expire on 31 December 2023.

8. Mr Enoch YUEN, JP asked Mr Zachary WONG to handle other items on the meeting agenda.

Item III: Any other business

9. The Chairman asked all Members to stand and observe a minute's silence to remember the people who had lost their lives during the "anti-extradition to China" movement in the past six months.

10. The Chairman thanked Members for their support, and expressed excitement to work with them. He said that he was under great pressure, because of the trust in him put by all Members and the responsibilities entrusted upon him by all electors voting for democrats and the people of Hong Kong. He believed that it was a responsibility bestowed by history on the younger

generation, citing a tragic democratic movement in Beijing 30 years ago. He remembered that he had cited the fable story of *The North Wind and The Sun*, when he had been elected as Legislative Councillor in 1991, saying that it should be the warm sun, not the icy cold north wind, to make a passing traveller remove his cloak. However, Beijing did not learn a lesson, so an “anti-extradition to China” movement unfolded in Hong Kong on a magnificent scale 30 years later. The movement brought about dynastic changes to District Councils - an ending that many young people exchanged for with their blood, sweat and tears and by sacrificing their lives, freedoms and future. “Five Demands, Not One Less” was a clear public opinion reflected through the District Council elections. Although the democratic camp scored a sweeping victory in the elections, the people of Hong Kong were yet to be victorious in the campaign. That was why they had adhered to the belief of “Five Demands, Not One Less”. The Chairman insisted that the Government should set up an independent inquiry commission to investigate the occurrence of the whole incident and issues in relation to the abusive use of violence, the abuse of power and the indiscriminate arrests by anti-riot police, as well as the indiscriminate attack on members of the public by white-clad rioters on 21 July last year. The incident shocked Yuen Long, Hong Kong and the whole world. He believed that the Government had to give positive, concrete responses towards the views of the immense majority of the community; otherwise, dissension within society would become insurmountable. The District Council of the new term had officially started working at this meeting. He believed that the newly elected Members would be committed to their work at the District Council, and that the public would have high expectations for what the District Council could achieve in the future. He described his feelings at the moment with “perhaps leaping from the abyss”, a phrase from the Book of Changes, or commonly known as the I Ching. As the District Council always gave the public the impression that it was acting like the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or “NATO”, which stood for “No Action, Talking Only”, the “Talking Only” image should be removed with the efforts of the entire District Council and its Members, as well as through the cooperation between the District Council and departments. He hoped that departmental representatives attending meetings in future could give positive, specific responses and accept advice and recommendations from the District Council. On whether District Councils would make any progress with its work, he said it would depend on the strategy adopted by the Central Government and the SAR Government towards District Councils. If the Government adopted a cooperative strategy, he believed that District Councils would function properly. Otherwise, as District Councillors had no real power, which was in the hands of the Government, and if the Government adopted a confrontation strategy, he believed that the District Councils could do nothing, this would only compel democrats - who had limited capacity - to take part in non-cooperative movements and confront with the Government. He, therefore, implored the Central Government to give considerable thought to the fable story of *The North Wind and The Sun*. At last, he hoped that justice could be done again in Hong Kong and people could tell the truth and uphold the core values of the city: democracy, freedom, human rights and the rule of law. He also hoped that Yuen Long would become a diverse, vibrant and caring community, and that the YLDC would support greater transparency and accountability, reflect public opinion, and defend citizens’ rights. He quoted a verse from Micah 6:8 in the Bible, “He has told you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.” He said that the verse had spoken well of his faith at work. He encouraged Members with the golden words, and thanked them all again.

11. The Vice Chairman thanked Members for all their support that made him Vice Chairman of the YLDC. He would work closely with the Chairman and Members to improve people’s livelihood in Yuen Long and fight for democracy and achievement of “Five Demands, Not One Less”. There had been many incidents in Hong Kong over the past six months - which no one wished to see - as the Government failed to heed public opinion. That caused him to fight for

democracy and fulfillment of people's demands through the District Council. As many young candidates got elected in the recent District Council elections, he would act as Vice Chairman for only two years and then recommended Mr WONG Pak-yu as Vice Chairman. He wished to unite forces from different times to make Yuen Long a better place and push for democratic progress in Hong Kong. He thanked Members for their support again.

(i) ***Appointment of YLDC Secretary***
(YLDC Paper No.1/2020)

12. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 1, which sought Members' consent to the appointment of Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of the Yuen Long District Office ("YLDO") as Secretary of the YLDC in accordance with section 69 of the District Councils Ordinance. The Chairman asked Members to endorse the proposal in paragraph 3 of the Paper.

13. The Vice-Chairman gave his consent to the endorsement of the proposal in paragraph 3.

14. As Members voiced no objections to the proposal, the Chairman announced the endorsement of the proposal in paragraph 3 of the Paper.

(ii) ***Passage of YLDC Standing Orders ("Standing Orders")***
(YLDC Paper No.2/2020)

15. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 2.

16. Ms CHAN Mei-lin said that the Standing Orders set the number of committees at four to seven. She raised the motion increasing the maximum number of committees to a range of four to eight, and appealed to Members to support her proposal.

17. The Vice Chairman seconded the motion of Ms CHAN Mei-lin.

18. The Chairman asked for Members' opinions as to Ms CHAN Mei-lin's motion.

19. Ms CHAN Mei-lin's motion was unanimously passed without any objection from Members.

20. The Chairman announced that the Standing Orders under the new term would include the proposed amendment of raising the maximum number of committees to a range of four to eight, and that the Standing Orders were passed.

(iii) ***Formation of YLDC Committees of the 2020-2023 term***
(YLDC Paper No.3/2020)

21. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 3, which showed the committees formed in the 2016-2019 term and their terms of reference for Members' reference, and asked Members to

offer feedback and comments on the number and names of the committees of this term.

22. The Vice Chairman proposed the formation of eight committees for this term, saying that Members had passed the proposal to increase the maximum number of committees to eight.

23. Mr FONG Ho-hin said that he proposed the formation of eight committees, including (1) the Culture, Arts, Recreation, Sports, Welfare, Education and Public Order Committee (“CAPOC”), (2) the Healthcare and Food Safety Committee (“H&FSC”), (3) the Housing, Town Planning and Development Committee (“HTP&DC”), (4) the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”), (5) the Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture and Fisheries Committee (“ECCA&FC”), (6) the Finance and Administration Committee (“F&AC”), (7) the Traffic and Transport Committee (“T&TC”), and (8) the Local Tourism, Economy, Industry and Commerce Committee (“LEI&CC”).

24. The Chairman said that, according to his understanding, Mr FONG Ho-hin’s proposal was about splitting up the previous Culture, Recreation, Community Service and Housing Committee (“CRCS&HC”) into three committees to enable each of them to have more specific terms of reference, given large numbers of the Committee’s agenda items for discussion. The new committee proposed was the LEI&CC.

25. Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin said that he wished to explain to the public why they proposed the formation of eight committees. As the CRCS&HC used to have large numbers of agenda items for discussion, Members hoped to develop more specific terms of reference for the proposed CAPOC. As for the LEI&CC, Members hoped that they could raise opinions during discussions held by the Committee on how to push for economic transformation. As there were Members representing both the town centre and rural areas, it was hoped that they could make recommendations to the Government vis-à-vis the economy, tourism and the development of industrial areas in the district to help drive economic growth, cope with economic hardship, and improve people’s livelihood.

26. Mr HONG Chin-wah said that he had served on the last CRCS&HC. He was very supportive of the split of the CRCS&HC, saying that this could help strengthen the District Council.

27. Mr Samuel LAI said that more committees would be formed and their focal points of discussion improved according to the proposal on the formation of committees under this term. For example, while the last Environmental Improvement Committee was focused on improving the hygiene conditions of the district, Eddie Chu Hoi-dick’s team that he belonged to, proposed that environmental issues be holistically examined and addressed together with the issues of environmental protection and climate change. On the other hand, medical issues had only been discussed in the CRCS&HC in the past. However, as Yuen Long’s population was ageing, Members anticipated large numbers of medical issues to surface. Therefore, they proposed the formation of the H&FSC with a view to promoting measures and schemes favourable to medical and health improvement in the district. He opined that YLDC committees had a clearer direction in work than government bureaux.

28. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to project onto a screen the terms of reference proposed by Members for the proposed committees, and appealed Members to approve the terms of reference. (See YLDC Paper No. 3a/2020 for details)

29. The Chairman said that Members could put forward any other proposals in future as to how the terms of reference could be revised.

30. Mr Enoch YUEN, JP said that it was only one day before the meeting that he received the proposal on the committees and their terms of reference from the Chairman. He believed that there might be room for revision of the terms of reference of each committee. He said the YLDO would consult relevant bureaux/departments on the terms of reference for each committee, and suggested Members have further discussion on this issue.

31. Mr LI Chung-chi suggested that “To monitor and advise on the progress of rural minor works” be added to the terms of reference of the DFMC.

32. The Chairman said the suggestion was reflected in the fourth item of the terms of reference proposed for the DFMC.

33. The Chairman announced that the formation of the committees and their terms of reference as set out in Paper No.3a/2020 had been passed, as Members voiced no more opinion.

34. Mr Enoch YUEN, JP said that the YLDO had noted the work directions for District Councillors under the new term as agreed among Members, and that Members could set up eight committees under the Standing Orders. He also learned that Members wished to set up working groups. On the other hand, he said the Secretariat had faced a heavy workload under the previous term of the District Council when there were six committees. As the number of committees would increase to eight under this term, followed by the formation of working groups, the YLDO wished to have a better understanding of the numbers of the relevant committees and working groups, so as to work out meeting arrangements through detailed discussions with the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the YLDC, the chairmen and the vice chairmen of the committees and the chairmen of the working groups.

35. The Chairman believed that the Secretariat would have a heavier workload, saying that the number of YLDO Members of this term was not only more than in the previous term, but also the largest among the 18 District Councils. Aware that forming additional committees would add to the workload for the Secretariat, he said that a special meeting would be held after this meeting to discuss issues, such as the suggestion that the Government increase manpower and resources for the Secretariat.

36. Hon KWONG Chun-yu said that he, as both a Legislative Councillor and a member of the LegCo Finance Committee, would propose a motion in the Legislative Council increasing resources for 18 District Council Secretariats, especially the YLDC Secretariat. The Secretariat

could face a bigger workload as District Councillors of this term had to shoulder more responsibilities than their counterparts of the previous terms, coupled with the formation of other committees. Therefore, the Government should increase resources to effectively address social needs. While the Chairman should lead a discussion on the issue in the YLDC, the Legislative Council and the Home Affairs Department should also review resource allocation problems.

37. Mr Ronnie TANG enquired about the possibility that the YLDC conference room would be expanded. With the number of Members growing to 45, he was worried about insufficient conference room space when departmental representatives attended the meeting.

38. The Chairman said that one of the rows in the public gallery of the conference room had been converted into seats for departmental representatives and some of them would be arranged to sit there while attending future meetings. Given insufficient conference room space, he hoped that construction of a new building for Yuen Long Government Offices could be confirmed as soon as possible.

(iv) ***Schedule of Meetings for YLDC in 2020***
(YLDC Paper No. 4/2020)

39. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 4, which was to invite Members to endorse the proposed schedule of meetings for the YLDC in 2020. Also, he asked Members to note that the schedules of meetings for committees under the YLDC would be drawn up by each of the committee.

40. The Vice Chairman said the proposed fourth meeting was originally scheduled on 28 April 2020, which preceded a long holiday. He expressed his concern that Members might have some other arrangements, and suggested that the fourth meeting be held on 21 April.

41. The Chairman asked Members to give their views on the Vice Chairman's suggestion.

42. No objection was raised by Members. They unanimously endorsed the change of date of the fourth meeting to 21 April, and other meeting dates in Paper No. 4.

43. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting of the full council would be held on 23 January 2020 (Thursday) to endorse the membership lists of the committees and elect chairmen and vice chairmen of the committees.

(v) ***Applications for YLDC funds from January to March in 2019-2020***
(YLDC Paper No. 5/2020)

44. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 5 and invited the Secretary to brief Members on the paper.

45. Ms Cindy PANG, the Secretary, said the paper set out the activities to be organised from

January to March 2020, which had been endorsed by the Finance Committee under the last-term YLDC, with the application submissions attached. The positions Members held in the applicant organisations were also tabled as Information on Declaration of Interests by the Secretariat. She reminded Members to make appropriate declarations of interest as necessary. According to the Yuen Long District Council Manual on the Use of District Council Funds (for applications from 2019-20 onwards), the Secretary recommended that Members endorse the funding applications for the above activities.

46. The Chairman said the Information on Declaration of Interests for re-elected Members who served on the applicant organisations had been tabled. Members could now declare their interests as necessary.

47. Ms LAI Po-wa said that she served as Secretary of the organiser of the activities held from January to March 2020 (recreation and sports activity no. 213 and social service activity no. 135).

48. The Chairman said the Member was not required to declare her interests for recreation and sports activity no. 213 and social service activity no. 135 because the meeting did not need to endorse activities already carried out. The Chairman read out the activities pending endorsement as set out in the paper.

49. The Chairman announced that Members unanimously endorsed the funding applications for the above activities.

(vi) *Meet-the-Public Scheme of YLDC*
(YLDC Paper No. 6/2020)

50. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 6, which was to seek Members' views on YLDC's arrangements for the Meet-the-Public Scheme. The Chairman said Members could endorse the suggestion in paragraph 3 of the paper if they did not have any comments. Members who found it necessary to revise the details of the Scheme could raise a discussion at the meetings concerned in the future.

51. Mr HONG Chin-wah considered that, given the public's lukewarm response to the Scheme, the current-term DC should look into how to continue and implement the Scheme to ensure it worked effectively.

52. The Chairman believed that public members gave a lukewarm response to the scheme because it was more convenient for them to seek help from DC Members at their ward offices than meeting on-duty District Councillors by appointment at the YLDC. Members could express their views on the scheme at the committee meetings concerned in due course.

53. Members raised no objection and unanimously endorsed the proposal in paragraph 3 of the paper.

(vii) *Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2020 – 18 District Challenge Cup*
(YLDC Paper No. 7/2020)

54. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 7, which was about the invitation extended by the Organising Committee of Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2020 to the YLDC to form a team for the District Councils Challenge Cup (10 km race) of the Marathon on 9 February (Sunday). To cater for the new-term District Councils, the registration deadline for the 18 districts had been extended to 9 January. The Chairman asked Members to decide whether to send a team to the event.

55. As Members raised no objection, the Chairman announced that the YLDC endorsed to send a team to the race.

56. Ms Cindy PANG invited interested Members to stay behind for registration after the meeting due to the tight schedule.

57. Mr Samuel LAI said that under the event's terms and conditions, out of the ten representatives of a district, at least one should be a DC Member. He suggested that the Chairman contact and propose to the other 17 DC Chairmen that all team members should be District Councillors. He believed that this could attract public attention.

58. The Chairman said all the previous YLDC teams were formed by Members and Co-opted Members. Also, he would pay the application fee as a conventional practice.

(viii) *“Neighbourhood First” Year-end Reunion Lunch in 18 Districts in 2020*
(YLDC Paper No. 8/2020)

59. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 8, which was about the invitation extended by the Hong Kong Federation of Young Groups to the YLDC to be a supporting organisation of “Neighbourhood First” Year-end Reunion Lunch in 18 Districts to be held on 11 January 2020 (Saturday) and the use of the name and emblem of the YLDC on publicity items. The Chairman asked Members to endorse that YLDC would be a supporting organisation of the activity.

60. Members raised no objection and unanimously endorsed that YLDC would be a supporting organisation of the activity.

(ix) *Hong Kong Fishpond Conservation Scheme – Invitation to YLDC to be a supporting organisation of the sixth New Territories Fishpond Festival Carnival*
(YLDC Paper No. 9/2020)

61. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 9, which was about the invitation extended by Hong Kong Bird Watching Society to the YLDC to be a supporting organisation of the sixth New Territories Fishpond Festival Carnival to be held on 9 February 2020 (Sunday) and the use of the name and the emblem of the YLDC on publicity items. The Chairman asked Members to endorse that YLDC would be a supporting organisation of the activity.

62. Members raised no objection and unanimously endorsed that YLDC would be a supporting organisation of the activity.

(x) ***Funding application in respect of setting up a green promotion stall at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2020***
(YLDC Paper No. 10/2020)

63. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 10 and invited the Secretary to brief Members on the paper.

64. Ms Cindy PANG said the paper was to seek Members' endorsement of the funding application by the Yuen Long Town Hall Jockey Club Yuen Long Children and Youth Integrated Service Centre in respect of setting up a green promotion stall at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2020, which had already obtained endorsement of support and participation from the CRCS&HC under the last YLDC. Members were asked to endorse an allocation of \$30,532 to subsidise the Yuen Long Town Hall Jockey Club Yuen Long Children and Youth Integrated Service Centre to set up a green promotion stall at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2020 on behalf of the YLDC.

65. The Chairman asked Members to give their views.

66. Mr CHEUNG Sau-yin enquired whether the number of participants could reach 2 400 as anticipated in the previous flower shows. Considering that the expenditure on gifts for stall games constituted a large proportion of the budget, he would like to ask about the number of participants first.

67. The Chairman said from what he observed at the previous flower shows, the number of participants had exceeded the anticipated 2 400. He also invited Members to visit the flower show and supported the YLDC stall, adding that each of them would be given an invitation card to the opening ceremony and an admission ticket by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

68. Members had no objection and unanimously endorsed the allocation.

(xi) ***Dealing with the YLDC Members' Fund***

69. The Chairman said the YLDC had set up the YLDC Members' Fund in the past to cover expenses on meeting refreshments, coffee maker maintenance and ritual matters where necessary. Following the usual practice, the fund balance of the last YLDC, which was currently \$1,325.4, would be carried forward to the new-term YLDC. The Chairman asked Members to decide whether the YLDC Members' Fund would continue to operate.

70. Members raised no objection and unanimously agreed that the YLDC Members' Fund would continue to operate.

71. The Chairman said Members would be notified of payment if necessary later. Also, he said he would pay for the refreshments at meetings as a conventional practice. He said Members needed to set up a bank savings account and manage the fund which was now held by the Secretariat, and decided that the Finance and Administration Committee (“FAC”) would continue to follow up.

72. The Chairman declared all other business had been dealt with and the meeting adjourned. He thanked Members for attending the meeting.

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