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Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
of
Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)

Date: 1 February 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Dr WONG Chung-leung, JP

Vice-Chairman

Mr LEE Wing-man, MH

Members

Mr LAM Ka-fai, Aaron, BBS, JP

Mr LAM Wai-man, Raymond

Ms WU Sze-wan

Ms KWOK Yin-lai, MH

Mr CHAN Wai-ming, BBS, MH, JP

Mr CHAN Lung-kit

Ms CHUM Pik-wa

Mr WONG Chun-hung, Hanson

Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

Mr LO Chi-chiu

In attendance

Miss FUNG Yi-ching, Janice

Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2

Miss CHIN Wai-sheung, Doris

Senior Liaison Officer 1, Sham Shui Po District Office

Ms LAM Pui-ling

Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po) District Support, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr WAH Kwan-ping

Assistant District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po) District Support, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Miss CHAN Chi, Alice

Senior Manager (Kowloon West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms CHAN Pik-mei, Meimei

Manager (Kowloon West) Marketing, Programme & District

Ms CHAN Siu-kuen, Catalina	Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department Senior Librarian (Sham Shui Po), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr YEUNG Tsz-hin	Senior School Development Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1, Education Bureau
Miss CHOW Mei-yee	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Sham Shui Po) 2, Social Welfare Department
Ms MA Shuk-yee, Katherine	Senior Community Relations Officer, Regional Office (Kowloon West), Independent Commission Against Corruption

Secretary

Miss CHEUNG Sau-hung, Sharen	Assistant Executive Manager (District Council) 2, Sham Shui Po District Office
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the first meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CICRC”) of the seventh term of the Sham Shui Po District Council (“SSPDC”).

Agenda Item 1(a): Leisure and Cultural Services Department Report on Recreation and Sports Programmes (CICRC Paper No. 1/2024)

2. Ms LAM Pui-ling introduced Paper No. 1/2024.

3. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) enquired if the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) would promote chess in the district; (ii) enquired if LCSD would consider promoting new sports such as lightsabre and e-sports; (iii) enquired whether the current equipment and supporting facilities of LCSD were sufficient to meet the needs of the local population; (iv) according to the data in the reference document, the elderly accounted for half of the number of participants in all recreational and sports activities, but only one-third of the activities were available for the elderly to participate in; considering also the ageing population, enquired if LCSD would consider increasing the proportion of activities available for the elderly to participate in. In addition, enquired whether the Department would organise activities specifically for students with special educational needs and their parents; (v) according to the current enrolment mechanism of LCSD, members of the public could enrol for up to 3 activities per month through the SmartPLAY ballot, enquired if the Department would consider relaxing the restrictions; (vi) due to high usage rates, the check-in devices at LCSD’s venues often malfunctioned. It was suggested that the Department should increase relevant support; (vii) enquired about the arrangement and opening hours of the Community Garden Programme; (viii) enquired whether the Sham Shui Po Park Fun Day would be held within the area of the newly opened inclusive playground in Sham Shui Po Park, hoped to understand the nature and content of the activity, and suggested strengthening the maintenance of the new facilities; and (ix) enquired about the venues of the horse riding activities and suggested increasing the frequency of the activity.

4. Ms LAM Pui-ling gave a consolidated response as follows: (i) at present, LCSD had Go activities, but had not yet organised chess activities, and she had noted members’ opinion; (ii) in terms of new sports, LCSD was currently promoting urban sports such as breaking, skateboarding, and 3x3 basketball, mainly to attract more young people to participate in sports activities. The Department would continue to promote them. As for e-

sports, given that this sport required specific equipment and supporting facilities, LCSD had not yet organised relevant activities, and she had noted members' opinions on new sports such as lightsabre and e-sports; (iii) the recreational and sports facilities established in each district would be determined based on the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. Currently, the number of tennis courts, basketball courts, and 5-a-side soccer facilities in Sham Shui Po district was lower than the relevant standards, and it was hoped that relevant facilities could be increased in the future; the number of swimming pools in this district was higher than the relevant planning standards to meet the needs of residents in the district; (iv) in the annual plan, LCSD would determine the number and types of activities based on factors such as the proportion of population in the district, and would review them annually. The current number of activities organised by LCSD in Sham Shui Po district, including those designed for the elderly and those with special needs, met the relevant indicators and guidelines of the Department. The Department would continue to collaborate with special schools and non-profit organisations in the district to promote recreational and sports activities suitable for individuals with special needs, and timely add new elements to the activities to meet their needs; (v) according to the current enrolment process and mechanism of LCSD, members of the public could select up to 10 activities per month through the SmartPLAY system to participate in the ballot, and could be allocated up to 3 of them. If there were still places in an activity, these places would be opened to the general public on the date of open enrolment for remaining quota. The Department would review the enrolment mechanism of activities in due course; (vi) LCSD had been in close contact and following up with the contractor regarding the malfunction of the SmartPLAY check-in devices at LCSD venues; (vii) the opening hours of Community Gardens in Sham Shui Po district were from 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday to Sunday. There would be a total of 8 activities throughout the year and the venues would include Fa Hui Park, Lai Chi Kok Park, and Nam Cheong Park. There were currently no plans to set up new locations; (viii) LCSD had held multiple trial activities and launched carnivals at the inclusive playground at Sham Shui Po Park from August to November last year. And the Department would continue to hold fun days near the gateball court at Sham Shui Po Park every year for the public to participate. The Department would strengthen inspections of the facilities of the inclusive playground in Sham Shui Po Park. If any damage was found, the maintenance agents would be notified immediately to follow up; and (ix) at present, there were two venues under the purview of LCSD that could hold horse riding activities, which were Lei Yue Mun Public Riding School and Tuen Mun Public Riding School. The annual plan for this district was to hold 4 activities, which could be adjusted based on demand and venue arrangements.

5. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the content of the report, enquired about the details of various activities, and noted the responses from the Department.

Members were concerned about the demand of local residents for recreational and sports activities, as well as related future planning and development, and hoped to maintain communication with LCSD.

Agenda Item 1(b): Leisure and Cultural Services Department Report on District Arts and Cultural Activities in 2023/24 (CICRC Paper No. 2/2024)

6. Miss Alice CHAN introduced Paper No. 2/2024.

7. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) members would like to learn about the scope of the guided tour in ‘The Next of Shamshuiporian’ - Community Guided Tour cum Performances. In addition to the activity venues, enquired if the unique features of other areas within the district would be showcased, and enquired if the Department would consider holding relevant activities in other areas of the district in the future. Members also enquired about the contact means in case any local organisation was interested in co-organising guided tours with LCSD; and (ii) enquired about the participation status of the activities and the reasons why the activities were mainly focused on music and drama, and suggested providing percentages and audience feedback as references in the data of the paper.

8. Ms Alice CHAN responded that: (i) ‘The Next of Shamshuiporian’ - Community Guided Tour cum Performances would be held at the Heritage of Mei Ho House and the Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre, covering the unique features of Sham Shui Po district in free guided tours. The theme and content of the activities would depend on the concept and production of the performing arts groups; (ii) due to the fact that most of the cultural and art activities organised by LCSD were free for the public to participate in, and some programmes were held outdoors without a designated capacity, only the number of participants was provided for members’ reference. The Department noted members’ suggestion on providing percentages and audience feedback as references in the data of the paper; (iii) LCSD would regularly evaluate the preferences and needs of residents in various districts in order to arrange corresponding activities. Last year, the Department commissioned the Chinese University of Hong Kong to conduct an overall opinion survey in various districts for 2022-23 in order to understand the needs and opinions of residents in the districts regarding performing arts activities. As observed in the survey conducted in Sham Shui Po, due to the popularity of music activities, the 18dART Community Arts Scheme for the coming year had selected art groups with the theme of promoting traditional Chinese classical music in the community to organise in-depth activities in the district; and (iv) the Department also provided different types of performing arts shows and activities

through the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme in the form of art outreach activities to balance the needs of different people in the district.

[Post-meeting note: At present, LCSD does not have any arrangements to jointly organise activities with local organisations. If local organisations are interested in becoming supporting organisations of the programme to provide free venues for activities and assist in promotion in the district and recruiting the local community to participate in the programme, they could contact LCSD.]

9. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) suggested that LCSD could uncover more local features and combine cultural and art development with community and economic development. The Department could lead the public to explore the community and experience the unique features of Sham Shui Po; (ii) although music activities were more popular, activities should be diversified. Members suggested promoting more activities related to Chinese culture; (iii) suggested holding more children's carnivals, and art activities such as painting and paper cutting, and vigorously promoting activities related to history and culture; (iv) suggested utilising the facilities at Sham Shui Po Sports Centre as venues for activities; (v) enquired about the reasons for the low number of participants in some activities despite free admission; (vi) it was shown in the reference data that the number of participants in elderly activities was relatively high, members thus suggested increasing elderly activities; (vii) suggested co-organising youth activities with uniformed groups in the district to reach out to more young people, and setting up small art gallery exhibitions at places with young art enthusiasts; and (viii) followed up on the response to 'The Next of Shamshuiporian' - Community Guided Tour cum Performances and enquired if the activities would include both elements of guided tour and performance. According to the information online, the area of the activities would be organised around the venues, and members suggested extending the activities area to other places in the district in the future to guide members of the public to explore the Sham Shui Po district in depth and increase the number of participants. Additionally, members would like to learn of the direction of development of this activity and the feasibility of the above suggestions.

10. Miss Alice CHAN gave a consolidated response as follows: (i) The activities in 'The Next of Shamshuiporian' - Community Guided Tour cum Performances would include distinctive elements of Sham Shui Po; (ii) the activities of 'The Next of Shamshuiporian' in this year's 18dART Community Arts Scheme were coming to an end. The matched programme 2024-25 "Dunhuang x Sham Shui Po – Dialogue of Past and Present" for the coming year would reinterpret Dunhuang music in different forms in Sham Shui Po district. Through continuing and deepening diversified activities, it would strengthen inclusion and

the sense of belonging in the district, and enhance the artistic cultivation and moral education and training of young people in the district; (iii) the other programme offices of LCSD were organising the territory-wide Chinese Culture Festival and would announce cultural and art activities related to promoting Chinese culture; (iv) the current activities focused on performing arts, and the Department had noted the suggestion on holding art activities, such as painting, paper cutting, etc. and setting up galleries; (v) at present, the venues and contents of various activities were mainly proposed by the organising art groups, while LCSD would provide comments; and (vi) the number of participants in a programme depended on various factors such as the location, time, venue, nature of the programme, and performance group.

11. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the content of the report, raised questions and put forth opinions on the details of various activities, and noted the responses from the Department. Members hoped to participate more in the planning stage of activities in the future and be able to fully express their opinions before the activities were launched.

Agenda Item 1(c): Leisure and Cultural Services Department Report on Extension Activities Organised by the Public Libraries in Sham Shui Po District (CICRC Paper No. 3/2024)

12. Ms Catalina CHAN introduced Paper No. 3/2024.

13. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) suggested that libraries could promote activities that combined reading with gerontechnology to increase the interest of the elderly in reading; (ii) enquired about the participation status of reading clubs; and (iii) suggested adding non-quantitative data to the paper to help understand the feedback of participants in various activities.

14. Ms Catalina CHAN responded as follows: (i) libraries had always organised suitable activities for members of the public of different age groups. For the elderly, libraries mainly held talks for them, providing information on exercise, health, dietary therapy, technology, and other aspects. For promotional information about the activities, members of the public could browse the library website or refer to the promotional leaflets placed in libraries; (ii) each session of the reading club would have about 20 participants to ensure that the mentor could fully grasp the progress of the participants. Libraries would put up promotional posters and send invitation letters to schools in the district to recommend students to participate; (iii) the Department had noted members' suggestion on including non-quantitative data in the paper to help understand the feedback of participants in various activities.

15. The views of members were consolidated as follows: (i) suggested adding percentages to the data in the paper to help understand the popularity of various activities; (ii) suggested incorporating elements of 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) or national identity into library activities; and (iii) enquired if libraries could forward promotional posters of relevant activities to Members for publicity, in order to assist in promoting the reading culture.

16. Ms Catalina CHAN gave a consolidated response as follows: (i) the capacity of each activity venue varied, the Department tended to use the number of participants as an indicator and as a reference for the popularity of an activity; (ii) libraries were currently planning reading extension activities related to the 75th anniversary of the founding of the PRC and the Chinese culture; and (iii) DC Members were welcome to assist in promoting reading extension activities. In the future, relevant information could be forwarded to all Members through the Secretariat or by email.

17. The Chairman concluded that the Committee noted the content of the report and expressed concern about the content and plans of various activities of LCSD. The Chairman suggested that the Department could invite members to participate in the planning stage of activities and attend activities in the future so that members could observe, evaluate and put forth opinions in a timely manner, while the interaction between the Committee and the Department outside of meetings could also be increased so as to achieve more effective communication.

Agenda Item 2: Any other business

18. No member raised any other business.

Agenda Item 3: Date of next meeting

19. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 11 April 2024 (Thursday).

20. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:40 a.m.

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