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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of Sham Shui Po District Council (7th Term)
of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Date : 7 May 2024 (Tuesday)
Time : 9:30 a.m.
Venue : Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Mr WONG Yan-yin, Paul, JP

Members

Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo
Ms WU Wanqiu
Mr LEE Wing-man, MH
Mr LAM Ka-fai, Aaron, BBS, JP
Mr LAM Wai-man, Raymond
Ms WU Sze-wan
Mr CHEUNG Tak-wai
Mr LEUNG Ping-kin
Ms KWOK Yin-lai, MH
Mr CHAN Wai-ming, BBS, MH, JP
Mr CHAN Kwok-wai, MH
Mr CHAN Lung-kit
Ms CHEN Lihong
Ms CHUM Pik-wa
Mr WONG Chun-hung, Hanson
Dr WONG Chung-leung, JP
Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH
Ms CHUNG Ching-may, MH
Mr LO Chi-chiu
Dr PONG Chiu-fai, MH

In Attendance

Mr LAI Chi-wah, Andrew, JP	Director of Lands, Lands Department
Ms YIP Yin-yi, Christine	District Lands Officer/Kowloon West (District Lands Office, Kowloon West), Lands Department
Mr YIU Ka-ye, Gary	Senior Estate Surveyor/Sham Shui Po (District Lands Office, Kowloon West), Lands Department
Mr HO Chi-kin, Eric	Senior Estate Surveyor/Training (Lands Administration Office, Training Section), Lands Department
Miss LAI Ho-ting, Ally	Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1
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 YUEN Pui-yuk, Quinnie	Senior Liaison Officer 2, Sham Shui Po District Office
Ms WONG Yu-hang, Anita	Senior Liaison Officer 3, Sham Shui Po District Office
Mr KWONG Ka-kuen	Senior Liaison Officer 4, Sham Shui Po District Office
Mr CHU Man-lung, Ernest	District Commander (Sham Shui Po District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms MOK Oi-him, Joyce	Police Community Relations Officer (Sham Shui Po Police District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms MAK Siu-ling, Iris	Chief Manager/Management (Kowloon West and Sai Kung), Housing Department
Mr CHAN Chi-man, Chapman	Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 1, Transport Department
Mr WONG Man-wong	Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms HO Po-chu	District Leisure Manager (Sham Shui Po), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WAN Chi-shun	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sham Shui Po), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHAU Chun-yin	Chief Health Inspector (Sham Shui Po) 3, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr YEUNG Chong-tak, Clarence	Chief Engineer/S1, Civil Engineering and Development Department

Mr SIT Siu-chi, Simon

Chief School Development Officer (SSP),
Education Bureau

Mr YU Wai-yip, Ricky

District Social Welfare Officer (Sham Shui
Po), Social Welfare Department

Ms AU Pui-wai, Florence

Regional Officer/Kowloon West, Independent
Commission Against Corruption

Ms Katherine MA

Senior Community Relations Officer,
Independent Commission Against Corruption

Secretary

Ms HO Kam-ping, Jennifer

Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Sham Shui Po District Office

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 3rd meeting of the 7th term Sham Shui Po District Council (“SSPDC”), including Mr. CHAN Chi-man, Chapman, the Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 1 of the Transport Department (“TD”) who would attend future meetings in place of Ms TAM Pui-wah, Alice.

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 7th Term Sham Shui Po District Council

2. The minutes of the 2nd meeting were confirmed without amendment.

Item 2: Visit by Director of Lands to SSPDC

3. The Chairman welcomed Mr Andrew LAI, Director of Lands, Ms Christine YIP , District Lands Officer (Kowloon West), Mr Gary YIU, Senior Estate Surveyor/Sham Shui Po (District Lands Office, Kowloon West) and Mr Eric HO, Senior Estate Surveyor/Training (Lands Administration Office, Training Section) of Lands Department (“LandsD”) to SSPDC and the meeting.

4. Mr Andrew LAI gave a slide presentation of major LandsD responsibilities, including land disposal and acquisition, processing of lease modifications and short term tenancies, land and lease enforcement, land surveying and mapmaking. He also introduced the main duties of the District Lands Office (Kowloon West).

5. Mr CHAN Wai-ming expressed that it took too long to clear unlawful occupation of government land and suggested shortening the clearance time to avoid negative public perception of miscellaneous articles being accumulated.

6. Ms LAU Pui-yuk expressed the following views: (i) enquired about the vacant sites in Sham Shui Po available for lease by social welfare organisations under short term tenancies; (ii) suggested amending the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance to shorten the notice period for removing bicycles occupying government land to enhance land control efficiency; and (iii) suggested including cultural, sports and tourism elements in maps to indicate the characteristic buildings and places of the district to help promote tourist attractions.

7. Mr CHAN Lung-kit suggested providing drivers with real-time parking space information in the HKeMobility app to help tackling the traffic problem in Sham Shui Po.

8. Mr Andrew Lai gave a consolidated response: (i) regarding street management, if obstructions occupy government land causing serious traffic issues, the Police would handle the cases immediately. For other general cases, the District Lands Offices would co-operate with the District Offices in carrying out inter-departmental enforcement actions. Under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, the Department would cause a notice, requiring the occupation of the land to cease before the specified date. With reference to previous court judgments, the specified period would depend on the size and type of the obstruction, but should not be less than one clear day. If the occupier moved the obstruction to another location within the specified period, the Department would need to issue a new notice with a new specified period, thus making immediate clearance difficult. The Department would consider streamlining the enforcement procedures to enhance efficiency. On the other hand, the Department currently had no statutory power to issue fixed penalty notices to illegal occupiers of government land, while further considerations would be given in that direction in the future; (ii) there were currently about 200 vacant government sites in Hong Kong, including seven sites in Sham Shui Po, available for application by non-profit-making organisations, and the relevant information and photos could be found on the LandsD website. The Development Bureau had earlier set up a \$1 billion funding scheme, providing a maximum of \$60 million per project for organisations leasing vacant government sites/school premises on a short-term basis for community, institutional or other non-profit-making uses to revitalise and improve the sites; and (iii) the Department was working on 3D digital maps with a view to establishing a spatial data platform, and organisations and the public were encouraged to use it. Consideration would be given to co-operate with the Hong Kong Tourism Board to indicate the co-ordinates and appearance of the buildings on 3D maps to help promote local tourism. 3D digital maps could also show barrier-free access and the shortest barrier-free routes. Real estate developers and professionals could use 3D digital maps to assist in building surveying and route planning, such as surveying vehicular access and simulating the routes for transporting housing components. The Department would work with TD to improve the design of the 3D maps and HKeMobility app to provide more transport information.

[Post-meeting note: The LandsD provided the list of vacant government sites in Sham Shui Po available for application by non-profit-making or local organisations for the Secretariat after the meeting.]

9. Ms CHUNG Ching-may expressed the following views: (i) enquired about the time required for taking lease enforcement actions against industrial building units in breach of lease conditions, and whether there had been any such case in the district; and (ii) enquired about the time for processing applications from licensed food businesses for the Offensive Trades Licence (“OT Licence”) under the Government leases.

10. Mr LO Chi-chiu suggested that the Department should make better use of vacant sites by allowing the authorised organisations and other government departments to utilise them.

11. Mr Hanson WONG expressed the following views: (i) suggested that the Department should make better use of vacant government sites by building sports and recreational facilities such as football pitches and basketball courts; and (ii) enquired about the departments responsible for the maintenance, anti-rodent and anti-mosquito duties, etc. on vacant government sites.

12. Mr Andrew Lai gave a consolidated response: (i) the time required and the priority for enforcement against lease breaches in industrial building units mainly depended on the workload and manpower of the Department. Upon receipt of the warning letters issued by the Department, most of the subject owners would rectify the issue within the specified period, and the Department generally would not proceed with re-entry. In the past three years, there was no case of re-entry in Sham Shui Po; (ii) the Department had introduced a scheme to encourage redevelopment of old industrial buildings for commercial or residential use. Property owners might refer to the standard rates set by the Department when calculating the land premium; (iii) to facilitate business, the Department had streamlined the arrangement for the OT Licence under the Government lease. Food businesses holding licences granted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene (“FEHD”) or the Liquor Licensing Board did not need to apply separately for OT Licence; (iv) non-profit-making or local organisations in the district were encouraged to apply for vacant government sites for community, institutional or other non-profit-making uses. Enquiries could be made to the Kowloon West District Lands Office, where necessary. Upon receiving an application, the Department would consult relevant policy bureaus or departments. If supported, the lease would be granted at a nominal rent; (v) construction of sports and recreational facilities on vacant sites was subject to the environmental conditions, the operational needs of the departments concerned and relevant restrictions, in addition to related assessment; and (vi) a multi-pronged approach was adopted for rodent control, pest control and weeding on government sites. The work was generally undertaken by the government departments responsible for the related public works or venue management, while LandsD was responsible for managing other government sites. In

view of the vast expanse of government land and limited resources, the Department normally arranged contractors to carry out the management work like weeding and pest control upon receiving referrals or complaints.

13. The Chairman added that: (i) SSPDC had worked with the partnering contractors of the Space Data Office to analyse the living conditions of households in sub-divided units (“SDUs”) in the district with the data collected during the epidemic, and distributed customised air purifiers to the SDU households. SSPDC would continue to co-operate with the Community Living Room in the district, with a view to making a connection between the spatial data and the community situation for improving the livelihood of residents; (ii) SSPDC had been encouraging local organisations to visit the LandsD website for information on vacant sites in the district. With the policy support of the Sham Shui Po District Office (“SSPDO”), the Conservancy Association was a successful lessee organisations which built the Urban Forestry Green Hub under the flyover near MTR Nam Cheong Station; (iii) 3D digital maps were highly accurate maps suitable for professionals, and some start-ups had already made use of the data provided by government departments on the spatial data platform to develop various apps, including tour guide apps, tournament apps and car racing games featuring streets of Hong Kong, etc.; (iv) the Cheung Sha Wan Promenade was opened in April, and would be used as a venue for large-scale activities such as National Day celebrations organised by the SSPDO and local organisations; and (v) some industrial buildings in Cheung Sha Wan and Lai Chi Kok were redeveloped into commercial buildings, and the new commercial buildings were designed with adequate public open spaces. Consideration could be given to co-operating with developers in organising community events.

14. The Chairman concluded by expressing gratitude to Mr Andrew Lai, Director of Lands, for attending the meeting and briefing Members on the work of the LandsD.

Item 3: Annual District Plans 2024-25 by Core Departments of the SSPDC (Part 2)

(a) HK Police Force - Action Plan for Sham Shui Po Police District 2024 (SSPDC Paper No. 24/2024)

15. Mr Ernest CHU introduced Paper No. 24/2024.

16. Mr CHAN Wai-ming expressed the following views: (i) with the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance in effect upon gazettal, the Police was expected to co-operate with stakeholders such as SSPDC and the Care Teams to enhance public

awareness through effective publicity and education at district level; (ii) showed concern on the illicit cigarette activities in public housing estates, and expected the Police to communicate and co-operate with the Housing Department (“HD”) to step up enforcement; and (iii) showed concern on residential burglaries, including those in public and private housing estates and three-nil buildings, and suggested the Police strengthen co-operation with the owners’ corporations (“OCs”) of buildings to enhance residents’ awareness of burglary prevention through increased publicity and education.

17. Ms LAU Pui-yuk expressed the following views: (i) enquired about internet and AI-related fraud cases in Sham Shui Po; (ii) relayed the concerns of local residents about the spread of unlicensed hawking and hawking by means of mobile van involving illegal parking to the area around Hai Tan Street; (iii) showed concern on illicit cigarettes and begging activities in the district, particularly in the MTR stations, and suggested intensifying efforts to combat the issue and conducting investigation into possible syndicate manipulation; (iv) enquired about the planning and implementation of the territory-wide CCTV programme in Sham Shui Po; and (v) expected continuous Police effort to strengthen communication with different stakeholders and local organisations in the district for improving law and order.

18. Mr Hanson WONG expressed the following views: (i) suggested that the Police should strengthen co-operation with the SSPDC and set up kiosks in district events to publicise fraud prevention and traffic safety; and (ii) showed concern on illegal parking in Lai On Estate car park, which involved obstruction of emergency vehicular access.

19. Mr Ernest CHU gave a consolidated response: (i) the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance came into effect on 23 March 2024 upon gazettal. While the Ordinance was relatively complex, it was believed that members of the public would not likely to fall foul of it as long as they had a sense of national identity; (ii) the Police had been dedicating resources to organise various publicity and education activities regarding national security like school seminars in the district. Consideration would be given to explore co-operation with the Care Teams to enhance their awareness and vigilance on national security; (iii) noted the active illicit cigarettes activities and the related views of Members. The Police would relay the matters to the Customs and Excise Department and maintain close co-operation with them to combat the issue; (iv) an upward trend in burglary cases was noted in Hong Kong, including those in Sham Shui Po, while the rate was manageable. On prevention, the Police would continue to co-operate with the property management companies and OCs in the district to enhance security facilities and systems. For three-nil buildings with more burglary cases, particularly those with SDUs, the Police would enhance the residents’ awareness of burglary prevention through publicity and education, and step up enforcement with

the aid of CCTV; (v) Sham Shui Po was one of the districts selected in the first batch under the programme to install CCTV, with a significant number of CCTV cameras involved. The details about installation locations, camera resolution, effectiveness, etc. were still under discussion. The installation exercise was expected to commence in a few months, and further details would be announced later; (vi) fraud cases in Sham Shui Po were mainly commission splitting, phishing websites, investment frauds and romance scams, etc. AI-related fraud cases were relatively uncommon. The Police would continue to dedicate resources to combat deception, in particular the use of mule accounts, and educate the public to stay fraud aware through various publicity; (vii) the Police had conducted a number of joint operations with FEHD in recent months against unlicensed hawking near Yen Chow Street and hawking by means of mobile van involving illegal parking at Hai Tan Street. Conduct that hinders and intimidates law enforcement officers would not be tolerated. The Police would continue to dedicate resources and co-operate with other departments in this regard; (viii) most of the beggars in Hong Kong were Two-way Exit Permits holders and the Police could only charge them with the offence of begging, which carried a relatively light penalty. The Police would continue to work with the Immigration Department in tackling begging, subject to available resources and manpower; (ix) the Police were ready to participate in district events and set up kiosks to publicise anti-crime messages; and (x) the Police would take immediate and decisive enforcement action against illegal parking, including those that obstructed the emergency vehicular access. For cases within public housing estates, assistance would need to be sought from the HD.

20. Ms CHUNG Ching-may expressed the following views: (i) suggested that the “Scameter+” app should allow the public to report not only suspicious websites or telephone numbers, but also suspicious email addresses; (ii) enquired whether there was any plan to implement automatic traffic enforcement system in Sham Shui Po; and (iii) enquired about the details of the CCTV system installed in Sham Shui Po including the purpose, and the procedures and access right for viewing CCTV footage, and suggested increasing transparency in that regard.

21. Dr PONG Chiu-fai expressed the following views: (i) showed concern on the triad infiltration in schools which lured young people into crimes, and enquired about the measures by the Police to combat school crimes and the channels for co-operation between the Police and the public; (ii) showed concern on the triad-related criminal infiltration in OCs; (iii) enquired about the channels for reporting cases of shops occupying public parking spaces with objects; and (iv) suggested disseminating anti-crime information to residents through Members’ ward offices and the networks of the Care Teams to enhance co-operation between the Police and the public.

22. Mr Ernest CHU gave a consolidated response: (i) the Police would follow up on reports of suspected fraudulent emails; (ii) CCTV mainly aimed to prevent and detect crimes, and there was currently no plan to use them for traffic enforcement; (iii) mobile cameras had been used in the Police operations for traffic enforcement and was found effective; (iv) the procedures for viewing CCTV footage would be in compliance with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. Only personnel of specific ranks would be authorised to view and make records; (v) triad infiltration in schools in Sham Shui Po was not serious. The Police would continue to work with schools, supported by effective school observation, referring, education and counselling; (vi) the projects involving large sums of money handled by OCs tended to become the targets for triad-related crimes. The Police would not tolerate violence in OCs and had stepped up patrols as well as keeping contact with relevant stakeholders to maintain law and order; (vii) illegal parking was serious in Sham Shui Po. The Police had given particular focus on illegal parking at bus stops with intensified enforcement. Members were called on to assist in educating residents through publicity efforts to combat illegal parking; and (viii) the Police were ready to provide Members with anti-crime publicity leaflets for the public to obtain at their ward offices.

23. The Chairman made a conclusion: (i) expressed gratitude for the Police response; and (ii) efforts were being made by the SSPDO, HD and Members to assist with the recent OC issue.

(b) Social Welfare Department - District Annual Work Plan for Sham Shui Po in 2024- 25 by Sham Shui Po District Social Welfare Office (SSPDC Paper No. 25/2024)

24. Mr Ricky YU introduced Paper No. 25/2024.

25. Mr CHAN Kwok-wai suggested introducing various mental health-related services to the community under “Government-Business- Residents-Community” collaboration through the SSPDC platform and mental service organisations in the districts, with a view to clearing up public misunderstanding about mental health.

26. Ms WU Wanqiu expressed the following views: (i) enquired about the support for persons in mental recovery, such as regular follow-up through home visits and telephone contacts; (ii) enquired about the support to young people who had been bullied in schools, and expected clearer guidelines for schools and social workers to address bullying issues and strengthen the support for students in need; and (iii) enquired about the types of gerontechnology products and related information.

27. Mr LEUNG Ping-kin expressed the following views: (i) expected that the Department would strengthen the support and services for new immigrant families and ethnic minorities; (ii) expected that the Department would increase the support services for carers of patients with mental illness, such as respite services; (iii) suggested that consideration should be given to promoting the Mental Health Support Hotline and the Designated Hotline for Carer Support in the community through the Members and the Care Teams; (iv) suggested the provision of mental health self-test for the public; and (v) suggested the provision of more information and training in relation to the mandatory reporting of child abuse cases after the implementation of the legislation.

28. Mr Ricky YU gave a consolidated response: (i) took note of Members' views, which would be used as reference for the Department's future work; (ii) expressed strong agreement with the need to promote mental health in the community, and said that patients with mental illness and their carers could call the Mental Health Support Hotline for assistance when necessary; (iii) support and home visits to ex-mentally ill persons were mainly provided by community nurses and medical social workers. While the Department had been following up on the cases of patients, collaboration among different sectors would still be required to achieve better results; (iv) the Department would join hands with the Education Bureau and schools to strengthen the support for young people who were victims of bullying; (v) the Department would share with Members information on gerontechnology products at suitable venues in the future; (vi) the Department had been actively implementing support measures for carers of the elderly and persons with disabilities in recent years, including the launching of a hotline specifically for carers and the Information Gateway for Carers, as well as the expansion of respite services for the elderly and persons with disabilities; and (vii) expected to collaborate with Members in the promotion of the relevant services, including the mental health self-assessment; and (viii) the enactment of the legislation on the mandatory reporting of child abuse was in progress, and the Department had already started to implement some initial basic training in tandem, and training in relation to the legislation would be provided after enactment of the legislation.

29. Ms KWOK Yin-lai expressed the following views: (i) enquired about mental health support and treatment for persons in the age group of 50 to 60; and (ii) advised that the waiting time for residential care services for persons with disabilities was relatively long.

30. Dr PONG Chiu-fai expressed the following views: (i) expected that the promotion of medical-community collaboration could provide patients with a more comprehensive assessment and treatment, and also facilitate horizontal cooperation among different parties through sharing of medical data; and (ii) said that there was a

need for Members to learn more about the legislation on mandatory reporting of child abuse, so that Members could play the role of a watchdog in the community and to provide support to the community.

31. Mr Ricky YU gave a consolidated response: (i) patients with mental illness who had welfare service needs, irrespective of age, could seek assistance from the Integrated Family Service Centres in the vicinity of their residence, and the social workers of the centres would provide suitable services and make appropriate referrals for the cases; (ii) regarding the waiting time for residential care services for persons with disabilities, the Department would make assessment and relevant arrangements according to the locations chosen by the service users and the priority of the cases. The waiting time would be longer for ordinary cases or applications for designated places or even designated residential care homes, and faster for applications without designated places or residential care homes; (iii) the Department had been collaborating with the Hospital Authority on various fronts in the provision of mental health services, and had been discussing the arrangements for information sharing and had agreed to share medical data for more effective follow-up of cases. However, if personal data were involved, special attention should be paid to the personal data privacy issue; and (iv) in respect of the legislation on mandatory reporting of child abuse, the social welfare, education and medical and health services sectors were carrying out the relevant preparatory work, and the bureaux of the three sectors had been formulating the Mandated Reporter Guide (the “Guide”) in respect of their respective areas. If necessary, the Department would brief Members on the Guide for the welfare sector upon its completion.

32. The Chairman added that (i) SSPDO had collaborated with the Cyberport to invite a number of start-ups to organise a product presentation in Sham Shui Po on 27 April this year, including those of gerontechnology. It was expected that the start-ups in the Cyberport or the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks could be invited again to promote collaboration with the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) and Members in identifying suitable products of gerontechnology for the residents in the districts; (ii) suggested that information such as the addresses of the respite care organisations for the elderly and persons with disabilities in Sham Shui Po district be shared with Members, and that the Common Spatial Data Infrastructure portal also had relevant information; (iii) suggested that SWD consider borrowing venues in Sham Shui Po district to publicise the mental health support hotline, e.g. the external wall of the Kowloon Technical School or the location outside the Maple Street football ground, etc.; and (iv) suggested that SWD consider displaying information on mental health at telephone kiosks in the district.

[Post-meeting note: SWD sent the information on respite care services for the elderly and persons with disabilities in Sham Shui Po district to Members for reference by email via the Secretariat on 16 May 2024].

(c) Transport Department - District Plan for Sham Shui Po in 2024/2025 (SSPDC Paper No. 26/2024)

33. Mr Chapman CHAN introduced Paper No. 26/2024.

34. Mr Aaron LAM expressed the following views: (i) concerned about the financial and operating conditions of green minibus (“GMB”) operators, he suggested that TD should pay more attention to avoid the recurrence of cases where minibus operators suddenly abstained from their operating rights of public light bus routes due to heavy losses, thus affecting the commuting public; (ii) if the automated parking system in Tung Chau Street was operating smoothly, he suggested that consideration should be given to introducing the same system at the Sham Shui Po Sports Ground in the future in order to provide more parking spaces and to improve the queuing situation for parking spaces (iii) as the Tung Chau Street car park was relatively inconspicuous, it was suggested that TD should add additional signages; and (iv) enquired whether there would be other planned uses for the former hourly car park in the vicinity of the Tung Chau Street car park.

35. Mr Leo HO expressed the following views: (i) expected that TD would encourage the bus companies to install facilities such as shelters, seats and display panels showing real-time bus arrival information at bus stops in the vicinity of Castle Peak Road and at the bus terminus at So Uk Estate; and (ii) enquired about the use of the Tung Chau Street car park after its commencement of operation and the follow-up work on the issue of the car park having excessively strong night-time illumination.

36. Ms WU Wanqiu expressed the following views: (i) enquired about the progress of the work to increase the service frequency of bus route no. A21 and to provide an additional shelter at the bus stop of route no. A21 in Hoi Lai Estate, Sham Mong Road; and (ii) expressed that the reduction in the service frequency of bus route no. 12 to Tsim Sha Tsui during peak hours had affected the daily commute of residents.

37. Mr LEE Wing-man expressed the following views: (i) enquired about the commencement and estimated completion dates of the footpath widening works at the junction of Maple Street near Yu Chau Street; and (ii) suggested that TD could

collaborate with other departments in planning for the construction of car parks in future to strive for the provision of more parking spaces.

38. Ms CHEN Lihong expressed the following views: (i) the use of electric vehicles (EVs) had become increasingly popular, and suggested that TD should conduct comprehensive planning on the use of EVs in the district; and (ii) expressed that there were relatively fewer bus and public light bus routes from Sham Shui Po East directly to the Caritas Medical Centre, it was suggested that TD should set up additional stops at the relevant road sections.

39. The Chairman reminded members that the relatively specific issue of routes should preferably be discussed in the Traffic and Transport Committee.

40. Mr Chapman CHAN gave a consolidated response: (i) Members' suggestions were noted and would be referred to the relevant colleagues for follow-up after the meeting; (ii) the Tung Chau Street car park had completed its trial operation and, after the car park had officially commenced operation, lighting would only be provided at the lowest level in the evenings, and the luminance level would be normal; and (iii) the footpath widening works at the junction of Maple Street near Yu Chau Street was expected to commence this month and be completed by mid-July.

(d) Civil Engineering and Development Department - District Plan for Sham Shui Po in 2024/2025 (SSPDC Paper No. 27/2024)

41. Mr Clarence YEUNG introduced Paper No. 27/2024.

42. Mr Raymond LAM expressed the following views: (i) thanked the Civil Engineering and Development Department for arranging the site visit to the area around Chak On Estate and the regular provision of works information publications for Members to share the relevant information with the residents; and (ii) expressed that there was a misunderstanding among members of the public that the retaining wall and retaining bored piles works in the vicinity of Chak On Estate were for the construction of housing, and suggested that clearer signages could be provided in the future.

43. Ms CHUM Pik-wa enquired about the footbridge project at the junction of Sham Mong Road and Hing Wah Street West in Sham Shui Po, (i) apart from the lift that would be provided at the footbridge entrance/exit near Aqua Marine, whether escalators or staircases would be added to cope with the higher pedestrian flow; and (ii) the design of the remaining three footbridge entrances/exits.

44. Mr Clarence YEUNG gave a consolidated response: (i) the Department would continue to produce quarterly or biannual newsletters on a regular basis; (ii) the retaining bored piles concerned were part of the site formation works, and the site would be handed over to the Hong Kong Housing Authority for the construction of public housing upon completion of the site formation works; and (iii) a lift would be constructed at the footbridge at the junction of Hing Wah Street West near the entrance/exit of Aqua Marine and a lift would be opened for public use in a shopping centre at Aqua Marine. After assessment, the Department considered that the two new lifts and the existing facilities were adequate to cope with the estimated pedestrian flow at that location during peak hours.

(e) Independent Commission Against Corruption Regional Office (Kowloon West) - Anti-corruption Work Strategies cum Work Plan of “Fighting Corruption: The Mission Continues” District Involvement Project for Sham Shui Po in 2024/25 (SSPDC Paper No. 28/2024)

45. Ms Florence AU introduced paper No. 28/2024 with the aid of slides.

46. The Chairman (i) recommended that the Independent Commission Against Corruption (“ICAC”), SWD and SSPDO should collaborate more in organising seminars and training for property management companies so as to achieve the synergy effect in terms of exchange of information, operational efficiency and use of resources to provide services in a focused manner; (ii) agreed that the ICAC volunteer teams could collaborate with the Care Teams in carrying out voluntary work other than anti-corruption work; and (iii) said that in the absence of any objections, it was declared that SSPDC unanimously agreed to be the supporting organisation of the Sham Shui Po District Involvement Project 2024/25 as invited by ICAC.

47. The Chairman added that the Hong Kong Polytechnic University had provided data that residential care homes for the elderly (“RCHEs”) in West Kowloon were more susceptible to the presence of *Candida auris*, and had suggested that samples should be taken from RCHEs but no positive response had been received from the RCHEs. He considered the situation a cause for concern and reminded SWD to liaise with RCHEs in the district to encourage preventive measures and arrange for sampling.

Item 4: Proposal for Proactive Support and Coordination during the Olympics to Enhance the Residents’ Involvement and Community Benefits in Sham Shui Po (SSPDC Paper No. 29/2024)

48. Mr Hanson WONG introduced Paper No. 29/2024.

49. Ms HO Po-chu responded that (i) the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) had arranged live broadcast of events during the Paris Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games, which were expected to be held at designated sports centres in all 18 districts in Hong Kong. Sham Shui Po District Leisure Services Office arranged live broadcast of the events at the Pei Ho Street Sports Centre during the last Olympic Games, and also live broadcast of the events at the Pei Ho Street Sports Centre and the Sham Shui Po Sports Centre during the Asian Games last year. The specific arrangements for the live broadcast of this year’s Olympic Games were still under preparation and details would be announced later; and (ii) the annual Sports For All Day would be held on 4 August this year. Apart from organising a number of free recreational and sports activities on that day, LCSD would also organise recreational activities related to the Olympic events, so as to enable members of the public to get into the spirit of and feel the excitement of the Olympic Games.

50. Mr Leo HO expressed the following views: (i) suggested that large-scale spectacular events should be held and the opening hours of shopping malls should be extended so as to promote the night-time economy; and (ii) hoped that LCSD would announce as soon as possible the information on the venues for live broadcast of the Olympic Games.

51. Mr CHAN Wai-ming expressed the following views: (i) suggested that new elements should be incorporated in the design of public events, such as the organisation of carnivals; and (ii) corresponding activities should be arranged in the vicinity of the live broadcasting venues to enhance community-wide participation.

52. The Chairman made a conclusion: (i) the management of the shopping centres in the district had similar ideas and could be contacted for further communication after the meeting; and (ii) the above issues could be followed up in the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (“Working Group”).

Item 5: Annual Work Plan of Sham Shui Po District for the Community Involvement Programme under HAD in 2024/2025 (SSPDC Paper No. 30/2024)

53. Miss Ally LAI introduced Paper No. 30/2024.

54. Ms WU Sze-wan commended the activities held by SSPDO and hoped that such good activities could be organised every year to create the collective memory of the public and become a brand name event of the Sham Shui Po district.

55. The Chairman made a conclusion: in order to successfully create a brand name event, apart from holding them on a regular basis, it was necessary to have the co-ordination of other parties. He hoped that Members would continue to support them.

Item 6: Progress Report on Setting Up Distinctive Photo-taking Landmarks with District Characteristics

56. Assistant District Officer 2 reported the progress of the three Sham Shui Po Photo-taking Landmarks with the aid of slides: (i) the improvement works of the public space outside of Sham Shui Po Park near the entrance at Tung Chau Street had been completed, including the provision of seats for residents to take a rest, as well as the painting of insects and hopscotch pattern on the ground for permanent display; (ii) the beautification project of the Sham Shui Po Fabric Market underneath the bridge of Tung Chau Street had been completed, including the installation of orange-based installations inside and outside the market and underneath the road signs, which was expected to be on display until December this year; and (iii) the mascot Sammy, which was designed to promote Sham Shui Po district, had been in the course of production, with the first exhibit expected to be completed between May and June this year, and the rest of the exhibits planned to be completed gradually within this year.

57. The Chairman added that: (i) the Sham Shui Po Fabric Market would have a simple opening ceremony in late May this year, and the media would be invited to visit the market; (ii) SSPDO would continue to promote the Cyberport subsidy scheme to cloth hawkers, and the items would include the launching of online promotion and the use of electronic charging software, etc.; (iii) with the efforts of SSPDO, he expected that the Fabric Market would progressively evolve from a group of individual cloth hawkers into a cluster which, together with the neighbouring area, would become a landmark in the district to achieve better publicity; and (iv) expected that the Fabric Market could create synergy with the Hong Kong Design Centre, which was expected to be opened in the fourth quarter of this year.

58. Mr CHAN Wai-ming suggested extending the display period of the Sham Shui Po Fabric Market beautification project and drawing up a long-term plan for building up the brand.

59. The Chairman responded that (i) SSPDO would adjust the relevant display period having regard to the material condition of the installations of the fabric market beautification project; (ii) the beautification installations were temporary in nature and Create Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Design Centre already had a plan to implement long-term beautification projects in the vicinity; and (iii) SSPDO would collect opinions from cloth hawkers about the beautification installations.

Item 7: Reports of Committees and Working Group Directly under the SSPDC

(a) District Facilities and Works Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 31/2024)

(b) Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 32/2024)

(c) Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 33/2024)

60. The Chairman noted members' suggestion for organising activities in celebration of the reunification of Hong Kong or the National Day in the name of the Committee.

(d) Traffic and Transport Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 34/2024)

(e) Housing, Planning and Social Welfare Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 35/2024)

(f) Youth, Community Development and Innovation Committee (SSPDC Paper No. 36/2024)

(g) Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (SSPDC Paper No. 37/2024)

61. The Chairman added that the recently held HK Illustration and Creative Show was positioned as "somewhere between large-scale trade fair and bazaar", aiming to support young people who were starting up or new to the industry. The concept would serve as a reference for the Working Group in promoting the cultural and creative industries.

62. The Committee noted and approved the contents of the above reports.

Item 8: Any Other Business

63. The Chairman said that (i) Members and the public were welcome to participate in the Mother's Day activity – "Come Chilling Out in Sham Shui Po, Mum", to be jointly organised by SSPDO and local organisations on 12 May 2024 at 1:00 pm at Ki Lung Street; and (ii) the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau had earlier launched the "HKYouth+" application to disseminate information on youth activities. He appealed for Members' assistance in promoting the application and expected that more young people's voices could be heard through this platform.

Item 9: Date of Next Meeting

64. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 am. on 2 July 2024 (Tuesday).

65. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:50 p.m.

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