

Extract from the minutes of the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Sai Kung District Council members held on 11 January 2007

Members present : Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP (Convenor)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

Attendance by invitation : **Sai Kung District Council**

Mr NG Sze-fuk, BBS, JP (Chairman)
Mr CHAU Yin-ming, Francis, MH (Vice Chairman)
Mr CHAN Kwok-kai
Mr CHEUNG Chun-hoi, MH
Mr HIEW Chin, BBS, MH
Mr HIEW Moo-siew
Mr HO Man-kit, Raymond
Mr LAM Wing-yin
Mr OR Yiu-lam, Ricky
Ms PHANG Shuk-ye, Zoe
Mr SHEK Chi-keung

Staff in attendance : Mr. Colin CHUI
Chief Council Secretary (3)1

Miss Lolita SHEK
Senior Council Secretary (3)2

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II. Progress of Leisure and Cultural Services Projects in Sai Kung District

7. SKDC members expressed their views and requests on various leisure and cultural services (LCS) projects in Sai Kung District as follows:

- (a) the Government should confirm whether it would proceed with its original plan of constructing a public library and an indoor stadium in Area 74S of Tiu Keng Leng, and provide the details of the

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facilities and the work programme of the project for SKDC's reference;

- (b) the above project was a non ex-Provisional Regional Council project but consensus had been reached within SKDC, hoping that the Administration would consider according priority to the project for its early implementation. On the other hand, since areas adjacent to Area 37 had already been provided with LCS facilities such as parks, SKDC considered that the provision of a district open space in the area, which was an ex-Provisional Regional Council project and was scheduled to commence in mid-2009, could be deferred so that priority could be given to implementing the LCS project in Area 74S;
- (c) SKDC hoped that LegCo Members would urge the Administration to implement the project to provide a sports centre in Area 45B of Tseung Kwan O (TKO) as soon as possible, and provide the work programme of the project and the details of the relevant facilities for discussion by SKDC. Moreover, due to the lack of a community hall in TKO, the Administration should allocate additional funding to provide more LCS facilities under the project; and
- (d) the Administration was urged to expedite the construction of a building complex in Area 44 of TKO.

8. The Convenor pointed out that according to the information provided by the Administration, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) had consulted SKDC on 1 August 2006 on the proposed facilities under the project of Sports Centre, Library and District Open Space in Area 74 of TKO and obtained its support. The Administration was currently proceeding with further planning work in order to secure resources for the implementation of this project. Moreover, LCSD would consult SKDC in early 2007 on the proposed facilities under the project of Town Park and Sports Centre in Area 45. Regarding the building complex in Area 44, it was anticipated that the project would commence in early 2009 for completion in late 2011. SKDC might present its views to the Administration on the facilities proposed under the project.

9. Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG sought the views of SKDC members on whether the District Officer could play a more proactive role in coordinating district LCS projects, and the introduction of a pilot scheme in this regard in Sai Kung.

10. SKDC members considered that the District Officer played a very important role in coordinating district LCS projects. The incumbent Sai Kung District Officer had indeed been working very proactively in this regard. Initiative had been taken to reflect SKDC's views and requests concerning district LCS facilities to the relevant government departments, with a view to acting as a

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bridge between government departments and SKDC, and assisting Sai Kung district to secure the necessary facilities. Nevertheless, the Administration should maintain transparency in the operation of district administration in various districts, so as to ensure that all parties could have their views heard by the Government, as well as to address the possible difficulties encountered in implementing LCS projects as a result of the policy and procedure of the relevant government departments.

11. Hon James TIEN pointed out that a pilot scheme was launched by the Administration in four selected districts on 1 January 2007 to involve the respective district councils (DCs) in the management of district facilities. The arrangements would be implemented across the board in all 18 districts from 1 January 2008, and additional manpower and financial resources would be allocated to the districts. By then, DCs might be able to tackle by themselves all issues relating to LCS projects in their respective districts.

12. SKDC members explained that each district participating in the pilot scheme was only provided with an additional funding of \$5 million at the present stage, and the amount of LCS facilities which could be constructed with this sum of funding was very limited. They urged the Government to increase the funding allocated to DCs at the same time when it tried to enhance their functions, otherwise DC members would feel helpless.

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13. The Convenor advised that LegCo Members would continue to assist various DCs in securing the construction of the necessary LCS facilities in their respective districts. The Convenor suggested the views of SKDC members be referred to the Home Affairs Bureau and the Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils under the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs. Other LegCo Members present at the meeting agreed.

14. Hon Ronny TONG said that if district LCS projects were to be discussed at meetings of any LegCo panel or its subcommittee, SKDC members might provide the LegCo Members concerned with the background information of the projects for follow-up.

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