

Hong Kong Water Sports Council

Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 8:30 am  
in the Bistro, RHKYC

Present

Mike Tanner	(MT)	Vice-Chairman (Acting Chairman)
Johnnie C K Chan	(JC)	Vice-Chairman
MK Lau	(MK)	Honorary Executive Director
Chloe Lam	(CL)	Assistant to TW
Mike Arnold	(MA)	Board Secretary

Absent with apologies

Raymond Ma Siu Wing	(RM)	Chairman
Terence Wan	(TW)	Hon Treasurer
Ron Yeung	(RY)	Company Secretary

Action

**1.0 Confirmation of Agenda**

- 1.1 The proposed agenda was confirmed without amendment, with MT taking the chair in RM's absence due to illness.

**2.0 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

- 2.1 The Minutes were confirmed without amendment.

**3.0 Matters Arising from 17th meeting**

- 3.1 Para 3.1 Meeting with Hon Ma Fung-kwok: MT considered that the Council needed to be clear about what it wished to raise with Hon Ma before arranging the meeting. He went on to say that the decision of the TPB on the rezoning of the proposed permanent site for the water sports centre at Kai Tak would be important. JC reported that he had spoken to Hon Ma's assistant that morning, who had said that Hon Ma had not yet heard of any decision being given by the TPB. MT noted that the study into developing a water sports centre in Tung Chung, now being carried out by AECOM (see later), might have been triggered by Hon Ma having mentioned this idea in LegCo. The Committee agreed to await the TPB's decision before fixing any meeting with Hon Ma. MT
- 3.2 Para 3.2 Water Safety Day held on 1 May 2018: The Committee reviewed the arrangements in respect of the HKWSC's involvement in this year's Water Safety Day. It was proposed that to have improved All

arrangements for the Water Safety Day in 2019, the HKLSS should continue to coordinate arrangements with the NSAs as regards the actual 1 May event, and that a small working group should be set up by the HKWSC towards the end of 2018 to draw up and coordinate proposals for the NSAs to hold water safety focussed activities to follow on after the 1 May event, say lasting one month. MT noted that this working group should also involve new members like the HKASA. The Committee agreed to the proposals.

- 3.3 Para 3.3 Deloitte Consultancy Study on Provision of Sports Facilities in Hong Kong: MA reported that a meeting had been held with Deloitte on 23 May 2018, where the HKWSC's representatives (HKSF, HKCU, HKCDBA and HKCRA/HKWSC) had offered their views on the adequacy (or lack thereof) of the provision of water sports facilities in Hong Kong and what steps that the Government might consider to improve the situation. MA went on to say that in response to a request from Deloitte, he had subsequently provided Deloitte with details of the various water sport centre projects currently being considered by the HKWSC.
- 3.4 Para 3.4 Application to IRD for charitable status: MA reported that on 2 May he had issued an email to Committee members attaching the latest draft of the Trust Document and sought comments, including answers to two questions. The two questions were, "Who should be the first Trustees and whether the proposed registered office address was correct?" However, he had not received any response. The Committee then supported MA's proposal that the first Trustees should be the Chairman, the two Vice- Chairmen and the Hon Treasurer, with the registered office address being the same as that of the HKWSC. [Post meeting note: On 7 June, MA sent the latest draft of the Trust Document to MK and asked him to clear this with the Hon Legal Adviser so that the draft could be submitted for Board approval to the next Board meeting scheduled on 11 July 2018.] MA  
MK
- 3.5 Para 3.5 Payment of annual subscriptions: The Committee agreed that apart from the HKASA, other Members' annual subscriptions for the financial year 2018/19, beginning on 1 June 2018, should be issued. [Post meeting note: later on the same day CL emailed to the Committee members the various draft invoices for clearance.] CL
- 3.6 Para 3.6 Update on Kai Tak Fire Station site – East Kai Tak Water Sports Centre (EKTWSC): MT noted that fresh support letters were being obtained from NSAs to meet HAB's request that these be provided as part of the requirements for it to give formal policy support to the grant of the STT. MA reported that because of his business commitments, Ian Brownlee had asked him to reply in writing to the All

questions raised by HAB in respect of obtaining the latter's policy support for the grant of the STT. MA tabled a spreadsheet showing the draft three-year budget as it then stood. He said that in his view the budget presented an overly optimistic picture, his major concern being that the HKWSC did not now have a sponsor to inject the \$13 million of capital originally estimated to be required to develop the site. All that was available was the \$3 million approved by the SDTF, this assuming that an extension to the cut-off date of end December 2018 could be obtained from the Fund. The \$3 million would only cover the provision of the most basic of facilities, the major part of the money having to be used in providing the pontoon. With only little more than a bare site, he considered the annual revenue forecasts to be far higher than could be realised in practice. He thus found it difficult to draft a reply to HAB using the information as now available, because he felt that he could not make a convincing case that the project would be financially viable over three years as currently required by HAB. The Committee agreed that MA should try to sound out HAB on how the HKWSC might best to present its proposals. In so doing he could mention that the HKWSC was considering approaching the HKJC to fund a three to five-year project, perhaps involving the possible affiliation of the 14 Uniformed Youth Groups, using the operational and financial information contained in the spreadsheet, i.e. hopefully the HKJC might be persuaded to fund the \$13 million capital cost of fully developing the site as well as some contribution to the programme costs.

- 3.7 Concerning obtaining other necessary clearances for the grant of the STT, the Committee noted that the District Council had recently given its unanimous approval to the HKWSC being allowed to have vehicular access to the site over the area of road allocated to LCSD. The Committee recognised that the approval process had been handled very efficiently and effectively by Steven Li and thus wished to place on record the HKWSC's formal thanks for his sterling efforts.

- 3.8 Para 3.7 HKWSC website: MA reported Bob Wilson had not yet provided the PDF files of the Fragrant Harbour articles. MT advised that Bob had been out of town, but he would mention this to him on the next appropriate occasion. MA also asked if MK could again approach the NSAs to obtain details of their proposed events in the next quarter so that these could be added to the website. MT proposed and the Committee agreed that an item addressing the requirement to update the events calendar every three months be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting. The suggestion was also made that videos of recent events might be uploaded to the website like the Water Safety Day and the HKCRA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. JC and MT agreed to check if suitable videos were available.

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- 3.9      Para 3.9 Update on Tseung Kwan O site: MT reported that he had spoken to Peter Weiley of Advisian about their proposed fees and Peter had indicated that he understood that the HKWSC had no money to pay these unless it could first find a sponsor. Further, in light of HAB's letter of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018, stating that one-third of the site would be reserved for Elite windsurfing, Peter had suggested that a meeting be held with all of the NSAs and Advisian to explore how to take the project forward. [Post meeting note: A meeting was subsequently proposed to be held on Wednesday, 13 June 2018, in Advisian's offices.] MT
- 3.10      Para 3.10 Funding for Creation of HKWSC Secretariat: The Committee noted that this had already been discussed under the agenda item dealing with the Kai Tak fire station project as part of the suggestion to make a project funding proposal to the HKJC (see para 3.6 above).
- 3.11      Para 3.13 Celebration of the HKWSC's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018: MK agreed to speak to RM about the arrangements. MK
- 3.12      Para 3.15 Second STT Site at Kai Tak Runway: MA referred to Steven Li's email of 8 May 2018, wherein he had reported that HAB had offered the STT for the second site to the HKCU on the grounds that the HKWSC already had an application for the Fire Station site and HAB did not want to see more sites being offered to the HKWSC at this time. The Committee agreed that MA should contact Steven and ask him to keep the HKWSC informed. [Post meeting note: MA was advised by email from Steven on 9 June that the HKCU had submitted an application to Lands Dept about 2 weeks earlier. The HKCU is now preparing a development proposal, a financial plan and an operational plan for the second site, with the aim of submitting them to HAB within the next 3 months to seek policy support. The HKCU's idea is to develop the second site as an extension or a satellite of the fire station site, and to allocate more resources to both sites as-a-whole. Their involvement in the fire station project would therefore not be reduced. The HKCU's intention is to demonstrate this in the financial plan that is currently under preparation.] MA
- 3.13      Para 3.16 Possible Affiliation of 14 Uniformed Youth Groups: MK reported that the head of AMS had given his agreement. With the Committee's approval, he suggested next approaching CAS. He noted that RM had suggested that the Sea Cadets should also be approached. The Committee agreed that MK could next approach CAS. On how to take matters forward after getting verbal agreement from the initially selected uniformed groups, MK suggested that a meeting comprising representatives of all three organisations might be held, which could then be followed up by formal written invitations to the organisations to apply to become affiliated organisations. The Committee considered this to be MK

a good approach.

- 3.14      Para 3.17 Government's Review of Private Recreational Leases: MA      MA  
advised that he had not been able to draft anything. MT said that he      MT  
would see if he could look at some wording. JC asked whether the      JC  
HKWSC should also try to meet with the head of the government's Land  
Supply Task Force, Stanley Wong, to talk about sports development in  
Hong Kong. While the main focus of the public was on finding land for  
housing, the land development picture was more complicated, in that  
land for housing alone was not all that was required. The future  
population of that housing would also have to be provided with  
supporting services and facilities, for example, public transport,  
education, medical and recreational facilities. The need to find suitable  
land to enable sports to be developed should also be considered. The  
Committee agreed with JC and asked him to consider how best to take  
this proposal forward
- 3.15      Para 4.1 STT for storage of surfboards and equipment at Big Wave Bay:  
MT referred to his recent exchange of emails with MA suggesting the  
wording of a reply to Paul Zimmerman. The Committee agreed that the  
amended wording suggested in MA's email to MT of 30 May could be  
used as the basis of the reply to Paul Zimmerman, i.e. while recognising  
the lack of storage areas, the HKWSC would be reluctant to apply for an  
STT on the surfers' behalf unless the surfers collectively first took the  
initiative to organise themselves into either an NSA or an "affiliated  
organisation" suitably representative of the sport in Hong Kong. [Post  
meeting note: Later that same day MT emailed Paul Zimmerman and  
received back a positive response to the advice provided.]
- 3.16      Para 5.1 Attendance of Directors at Board meetings: The Committee  
noted that the Director concerned had been informed and had undertaken  
to attend the next Board meeting, or to provide suitable grounds for his  
absence that the Board could then readily accept if he was unable to do  
so.

#### **4.0      Tung Chung East Water Sports Centre**

- 4.1      The Committee noted the Study being carried out by AECOM and      All  
CEDD and that while they had approached some of the HKWSC's NSA  
Members, they had not approached the HKWSC itself. The Committee  
asked that MA approach AECOM to suggest that a meeting be held,  
where the HKWSC could offer its collective views. [Post meeting note:  
MA emailed AECOM later that same day and received a positive reply.  
A meeting will be arranged in due course.]

#### **5.0      Annual Accounts for 2017/18**

- 5.1 MA noted that the end of the 2017/18 financial year had been reached on 31 May 2018. He suggested that the preparation and auditing of the HKWSC's accounts for 2017/18 should be carried out so that these would be cleared by the Board in September and submitted to the AGM in October. The Committee agreed and asked CL to remind TW to start this process. CL

**6.0 Any Other Business**

- 6.1 Members indicated that they had no other matters to raise for discussion.

**7.0 Date of Next Meeting**

- 7.1 The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at 8:30am on Wednesday, 25 July 2018, in the Bistro of the RHYC.

Michael Tanner  
Acting Chairman