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Aid panel's election 'a mockery'

SOME representatives of Luk Chuen House residents in Lekyuen estate yesterday accused the Shatin district office of making a mockery of the election three months ago of their mutual aid committee.

At a press conference yesterday, the spokesman of the representatives, Cheung Wau-yin, claimed there was a misuse of letters authorising proxy votes in the election of the committee.

Mr Cheung said the new chairman of the committee was elected in unfair way because some voters made use of these proxy letters to

vote for four to five people.

The proxy letters system was first introduced this year.

Mr Cheung said the committee chairman should be elected by the 60 flat representatives of more than 2,000 residents in Luk Chuen House.

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When the election was held in March, 34 of the 60 representatives attended and 14 letters of proxy were presented, he recalled.

Of those who were present at the meeting, Mr

Cheung said 16 walked out of the election because they thought it was unfair for one representative to use four or five proxy letters in the election.

Mr Cheung said they then complained to the district office and assistant district officer L.S. Cheng had promised them to arrange for the election of a chairman again. Mr Cheng also suggested the 60 representatives should also consider asking for a re-election of the whole committee.

But the district office later issued questionnaires to monitor the residents' views

on the complaint. It then refused to hold a re-election and classified the residents who expressed no opinion on the matter as those who did not support a re-election, he said.

The way the poll was conducted "distorts the residents' opinions and contradicts the district office's promise," Mr Cheung added.

Four of the disgruntled representatives sent a petition letter on their dissatisfaction with the district office decision to the district office in Lekyuen estate after the press conference.