

**Multicultural Subcommittee**  
**OPEN MINUTES**

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**Date:** Friday 23 February 2018  
**Time:** 2.30pm  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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**Present**

Chairperson	Councillor Jimmy Chen
Members	Councillor Mike Davidson
	Councillor Anne Galloway
	Councillor Glenn Livingstone

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In Attendance: CCC - Claire Phillips, George Patena and Liz Ryley; Rewi Alley Education & Cultural Centre – Hong and Sarah Walters; and Chinese Zhonghua Society – Roy Du and Wendy Zhang

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- Part A** Matters Requiring a Council Decision  
**Part B** Reports for Information  
**Part C** Decisions Under Delegation
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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## 1. Apologies

**Part C**

There were no apologies.

## 2. Declarations of Interest

**Part B**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

## 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Part C**

**Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00001**

**Committee Decision**

That the minutes of the Multicultural Subcommittee meeting held on Wednesday, 22 November 2017 be confirmed.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

**Carried**

## 4. Public Forum

**Part B**

There were no public forum presentations.

## 5. Deputations by Appointment

**Part B**

There were no deputations by appointment.

## 6. Updates from Mandated Groups

### 6.1

#### **Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre Update**

1. Hong, Board Secretary, and Sarah Walters, Board Chair, of the Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre updated the Subcommittee on the activities of the Rewi Alley Chinese School, the Academy, and the Education and Cultural Centre. The activities include:
  - a. a Chinese language test centre
  - b. Young Leadership Programme

- c. high quality English language courses for international students and new immigrants
- d. a library and resource centre
- e. translation service
- f. information dissemination centre for government brochures and local media.

## Part C Recommendation

### Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00002

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Thanks Hong and Sarah, of the Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre for updating the Subcommittee about the Centre's activities and future opportunities.
2. Acknowledges the Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre for assisting the Council with strengthening and deepening the relationships and understanding between various local communities.
3. Asks staff to engage with the Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre regarding the Council's Long Term Plan 2018-2028 consultations.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Davidson

Carried

## 6.2

### Christchurch Zhonghua Chinese Society Update

1. Mr Roy Du and Wendy Zhang, President of the Christchurch Zhonghua Chinese Society provided the Subcommittee with a Year-end Summary and Outlook for 2018. This included points that:
  - a. the Society is one of the largest 'not-for-profit' Chinese organisations in Christchurch and the Canterbury region
  - b. it provides settlement support to new migrants
  - c. it has established the 'Christchurch Chinese Community Centre' in January 2017
  - d. has set up musical, dance and art tutorial classes for the younger generation
  - e. organised more than five celebration gathering and gala shows with a total of 1800 people attending
  - f. hosted six official delegations to visit Christchurch.

## Part C Recommendation

### Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00003

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Thanks Roy Du and Wendy Zhang of the Christchurch Zhonghua Chinese Society for updating the Subcommittee about their activities.

2. Acknowledges the Christchurch Zhonghua Chinese Society for assisting the Council with strengthening and deepening the relationships between Christchurch and China, as well as fostering the cultural diversity in Christchurch.
3. Asks staff to investigate possible premises for the activities of the Christchurch Zhonghua Chinese Society.
4. Asks staff to engage with the Christchurch Zhonghua Chinese Society regarding the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 consultations.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Livingstone

**Carried**

## **7. Multicultural Report**

### **Committee Comment**

1. Mr Patena spoke to his Multicultural report and responded to questions from Subcommittee members. He referred to the schedule of programmes on Plains FM, including “Faatauaina o Aiga”, “Focus on the Family”, and The Fruits of Our Labours: Chinese Fruit Shops in New Zealand, a two volume book recording the history of Chinese fruit shops throughout New Zealand.
2. Discussion was held about promoting race relations, and about inviting key stakeholder groups to receive a presentation from the Subcommittee on the implementation of the Multicultural Strategy.

Councillor Galloway departed at 4.33pm.

### **Staff Recommendations**

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Receive the staff report.

### **Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00004**

### **Part C**

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Acknowledges George Patena for his great contribution to the multicultural communities in Christchurch, and wish him every success for the future.
2. Receives the staff report.
3. Explores opportunities for Council to meet with PYLAT Council at least twice a year.
4. Request staff to support Councillors on promoting Race Relations Day on 21 March 2018.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Davidson

**Carried**

**Meeting concluded at 4.36pm.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL 2018**

**COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN**  
**CHAIRPERSON**