

Multicultural Subcommittee
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday 3 December 2018
Time: 9.05am
Venue: Committee Room 2, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

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

30 November 2018

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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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Dr Tandon opened the meeting with a prayer/karakia from the Hindu book.

A round of introductions was undertaken.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Part C Committee Decision

There were no apologies recorded, as all members were present.

2. Declarations of Interest

Part B There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Part C Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00017

Committee Decision

That the minutes of the Multicultural Subcommittee meeting held on Monday, 29 October 2018 be confirmed.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Chen

Carried

4. Public Forum

Part B

4.1 Multicultural Council Update

Dr Surinder Tandon, President, and Audrey Davies, Treasurer, of the Multicultural Council highlighted the successes of the Multicultural Council, and planned activities for the New Year. These included:

- Achieved a membership of over 50 groups
- Approximately 180 communities represented
- Celebrating Race Relations Day
- Arranged a global cricket event promoted to migrants/newcomers
- Attended Waitangi Day celebrations in Kaiapoi.

Dr Tandon responded to questions. He agreed to provide an introduction page about the Multicultural Council to be inserted into the Multicultural Strategy.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00018

Part B

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Thanks Dr Tandon and Audrey Davies for their presentation.
2. Requests the Principal Advisor to engage with the Multicultural Council to progress civic education sessions with ethnic communities, prior to the next Local Government elections.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Chen

Carried

5. Deputations by Appointment

Patrick O'Connor of the PEETO Intercultural Development Trust addressed the meeting on cultural competency. He acknowledged the efforts of the groups/organisations involved with this work, including in the Selwyn and Waimakariri districts.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00019

Part B

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Thanks Patrick O'Connor, PEETO Intercultural Development Trust, for the presentation on cultural competency.
2. Requests staff investigate welcoming signage across the organisation and report back to the Subcommittee.
3. Acknowledges Patrick O'Connor's significant contribution for the last 30 years to multicultural communities in Christchurch in recognition of his pending retirement from PEETO The Multicultural Learning Centre.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Davidson

Carried

6. Updates from Mandated Groups

Part B

6.1 Japanese Society of Canterbury Update

Emiko Kuroda, President of the Japanese Society of Canterbury provided the meeting with an update on the Society's activities, noting the challenging year with changes to membership. Issues for the Society include support for single/aged people, continuing the Japanese language and culture, and locating venues for events. Events have been held to share the culture, along with seminars for members.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00020

Part B

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Thanks Emiko Kuroda of the Japanese Society of Canterbury for her presentation.
2. Requests the Principal Advisor to engage with the Japanese Society for Canterbury about Civil Defence and other matters related to the Japanese Society activities.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Livingstone

Carried

6.2 Monitoring and Research Team Update

Aimee Martin and Kath Jamieson of the Council's Monitoring and Research Team provided the meeting with an update on their activities relating to monitoring culture and diversity in Christchurch, and in particular on the 2018 Life in Christchurch Central City Survey and results.

Discussion followed the presentation about SCAPE public art, awareness raising, and possibly presenting to the INFORM Network on issues.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00021

Part B

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Thanks Aimee Martin and Kath Jamieson for their presentation.
2. Requests staff engage with ChristchurchNZ regarding initiatives that acknowledge and welcome newcomers to the city.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

7. Multicultural Report

Committee Comment

1. The Principal Advisor provided Subcommittee members with a verbal update, covering:
 - a. Multicultural Strategy implementation. A copy of the implementation document will be provided to members.
 - b. Refugee Resettlement for 2019. Refugees will be arriving from 1 March 2019. A sector mapping exercise is currently underway in preparation
 - c. Opportunities to partner with neighbouring Territorial Local Authorities, following a meeting with the Mayor of Selwyn District Council, Mayor Lianne Dalziel and City Council staff on 13 November 2018. For example joining the Welcoming Communities programme. The Subcommittee discussed the need to use welcoming language. e.g. at Tūranga. Discussion was held about where members of the community would access information about aquatic facilities for women's swim sessions. Staff will check how the Council's Recreation, Sports and Events team is promoting this.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00022

Part C

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Receive the verbal update by staff on Multicultural activities.
2. Ask the Recreation, Sports and Events team how they are promoting the aquatic facilities for women's swim sessions.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

Councillor Chen expressed sincere appreciation to staff and fellow Councillors for their work and contributions throughout the year.

Meeting concluded at 11.52am.

CONFIRMED THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019

**COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN
CHAIRPERSON**