

Multicultural Subcommittee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday 23 April 2018
Time: 9.03am
Venue: Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson	Councillor Jimmy Chen
Members	Councillor Mike Davidson
	Councillor Anne Galloway
	Councillor Glenn Livingstone
Also Present	Councillor Phil Clearwater – departed 10.26am

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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.

The Chair welcomed members of the Christchurch Resettlement Services, Christchurch City Council Community Arts Unit, Russian Cultural Centre Trust (Christchurch), and the Multicultural Council to the meeting. A round of introductions was undertaken.

1. Apologies

Part C

There were no apologies from Subcommittee members.

An apology for lateness from Lester Wolfreys, Head of Community Support, Governance and Partnerships was noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Part B

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Part C

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00005

Committee Decision

That the minutes of the Multicultural Subcommittee meeting held on Friday, 23 February 2018 be confirmed.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Livingstone

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

Part B

6.1

Christchurch Resettlement Services Update

Shirley Wright of the Christchurch Resettlement Services updated the Subcommittee on the activities and services it provides. She responded to questions from the Councillors.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00006

Part C

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Thank Shirley Wright of the Christchurch Resettlement Services for updating the Subcommittee about the Christchurch Resettlement Services' activities and future opportunity.
2. Request staff to investigate the potential for Council pools to be open to women from other cultures to have the opportunity to swim at particular times in a single sex environment, and report the outcome back to the Subcommittee.
3. Request staff to provide a status update on the Community Connector service for earthquake support.
4. Request staff to engage with Christchurch Resettlement Services, and other agencies and communities, regarding the possible reinstatement of Christchurch as a refugee resettlement location, and report the outcome back to the Subcommittee.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Livingstone

Carried

An adjournment was taken from 9.47 to 9.56am

6.2

Russian Community Update

Anya Filippochkina of the Russian Cultural Centre Trust provided an update to the Subcommittee on the activities of the Russian Cultural Centre Trust, and Community Languages Association of New Zealand. She responded to questions from Councillors.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00007

Part C

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Thank Anya Filippochkina of the Russian Cultural Centre Trust and Community Languages Association of New Zealand for the update on the activities and community languages.
2. Ask staff to continue to work with the Community Language Information Network Group and the Community Languages Association of New Zealand on mother tongue language promotion, and report back to the Subcommittee.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Livingstone

Carried

Councillor Clearwater departed at 10.26am.

6.3

Community Arts Team Update

Kiri Jarden, Sarah Amazinnia and Paula Rigby of the Council's Community Arts Team updated the Subcommittee with a Power Point presentation about the activities of the Community Arts and funds available for individuals, community groups and businesses to apply to.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00008

Part B

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Thanks Kiri Jarden, Sarah Amazinnia and Paula Rigby of the Community Arts Team for their update on their activities.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Davidson

Carried

7. Multicultural Report

Staff Recommendations

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Receive the verbal update by staff on Multicultural activities.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00009

Part C

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Receive the verbal update by staff on Multicultural activities.
2. Request staff send an invitation to the Race Relations Commissioner to the One Year celebration of the Multicultural Strategy achievements, and note that staff will work with the Chair on a programme for the One Year celebration, and an invitation list including key groups, such as the INFORM group, the Christchurch Multicultural Council etc.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

Councillor Galloway left the meeting at 11:37am.

8. Hagley Multicultural Centre

Committee Comment

1. The Hagley Multicultural Centre Feasibility Study was available for the Subcommittee to receive. It was noted that Hagley College representatives will attend the Subcommittee meeting on 20 August 2018 to present and discuss the Feasibility Study.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00010

Part C

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

1. Receive the Hagley Multicultural Centre Feasibility Study report.

Councillor Davidson/Councillor Livingstone

Carried

Councillor Galloway returned to the meeting at 11:40am.

At the conclusion of the agenda business, Councillor Chen invited Surinder Tandon to the table. He reported on the Multicultural Council's interest in working with the Multicultural Subcommittee in regard to the implementation of its Multicultural Strategy.

Meeting concluded at 11.50am.

CONFIRMED THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE 2018

**COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN
CHAIRPERSON**