

Multicultural Subcommittee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday 25 June 2018
Time: 9.06am
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

In Attendance Councillor Phil Clearwater

22 June 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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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies

Nil.

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 Monday, 23 April 2018 be confirmed.

Councillor Davidson/Councillor Galloway

Carried

4. Public Forum

Part B

Multicultural New Zealand 2018 Annual Conference

Dr Surinder Tandon of the Multicultural Council addressed the meeting about the Multicultural New Zealand Annual Conference held in Wellington on 22-24 June 2018, titled Huarahi Hou Hui Building Lasting Partnerships for a Treaty-based Multicultural Aotearoa New Zealand. He thanked and congratulated Councillor Chen for his excellent presentation at the Conference.

Councillor Chen provided key points of interest from the Multicultural Conference. The presentation on Support for Victims of Domestic Violence was discussed by the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee invites Family Violence Services such as Shakti, Christchurch Resettlement Services, and Sahayata, to attend the next Multicultural Subcommittee meeting to discuss family violence interventions.

5. Deputations by Appointment

Part B

There were no deputations by appointment.

6. Updates from Mandated Groups

Part B

6.1 Office for Ethnic Communities Update

Deborah Lam of the Office for Ethnic Communities updated the Subcommittee on the organisation's activities from its website. Issues highlighted included the Strategic Direction, Vision and Purpose, Language Line telephone interpreting, and the Ethnic Communities Development Fund. Some links to the sites are below:

<https://ethniccommunities.govt.nz/>

<https://ethniccommunities.govt.nz/story/interpreters>

<https://ethniccommunities.govt.nz/story/ethnic-communities-development-fund>

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00006

The Multicultural Subcommittee thanked Deborah Lam, Office for Ethnic Communities for the presentation.

Councillor Livingstone/Councillor Davidson

Carried

6.2 Indian Social and Cultural Club Update

Representatives of the Indian Social and Cultural Club were unable to attend the meeting, and will be rescheduled to the next meeting of the Subcommittee.

6.3 Christchurch Indian Association Update

Ramesh Bhana and Shila Patel of the Christchurch Indian Association updated the Subcommittee about the history of the Association with a community of around 140 people, and its activities including the celebration of Diwali, a sports club, and a photographic exhibition to take place at the Council's Civic Offices in August 2018.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00007

The Multicultural Subcommittee thanked Ramesh Bhana and Shila Patel of the Christchurch Indian Association for their presentation and noted that staff will assist in promoting the Mokaa photographic exhibition to be held in the foyer of the Christchurch City Council's Civic Offices from 13 to 24 August 2018.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

An adjournment was taken from 10.31am to 10.44am.

Councillor Livingstone returned at 10.47am.

6.4 Korean Society Update

Mia Lim and Lina Na of the Korean Society updated the Subcommittee through a YouTube clip about recent activities of the Society.

Mia advised that the Society would participate in Culture Galore in February 2019, rather than hold a Korea Day in the Cathedral Square. Councillor Galloway and Mia Lim will meet to discuss the possibility of holding a Culture Galore event in the Halswell area.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00008

Part B

The Multicultural Subcommittee thanked Mia Lim and Lina Na for their presentation.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Davidson

Carried

7. Multicultural Report

Committee Comment

1. The Principal Advisor provided Subcommittee members with a verbal update, covering:
 - a. Community Connector Service for earthquake support – this service run by Christchurch Resettlement Services will conclude in six months' time with any matters requiring attention after that to be dealt with through the Ministry of Social Development.
 - b. Single sex swimming pools for women from other cultures – The Principal Advisor informed the Subcommittee that there is work underway with a plan to engage community further regarding their needs in this area.
 - c. Zhonghua Chinese Society has been provided with a range of empty spaces for them to consider as possible premises for their activities.
 - d. Multicultural Strategy one year celebration – the event will be held in the Christchurch City Council's Function Room on Wednesday 29 August 2018, 5.30pm-7.30pm. Further arrangements are being progressed.
 - e. Some points related to working towards achieving the goals in the Strategy include:
 - discussion about ways to make the Council's Civic Offices more welcoming;
 - Te Reo training available;
 - working with people of different ethnicities;
 - the need for better promotion of interpreting and translating.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2018/00009

Part C

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

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

Councillor Chen/Councillor Livingstone

Carried

Everest Day 2018

Councillor Chen referred to Everest Day 2018, that was held on 2 June 2018, in association with the Nepal New Zealand Friendship Society and Canterbury Nepalese Society. This event honoured the Mt Everest summiteers from New Zealand and provided information about the Nepalese culture, tourism and diversity.

Meeting concluded at 11.29am.

CONFIRMED THIS 20TH DAY OF AUGUST 2018

COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN
CHAIRPERSON