

Multicultural Subcommittee
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Friday 1 February 2019
Time: 9.03am
Venue: Committee Room 2, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson	Councillor Jimmy Chen
Members	Councillor Anne Galloway Councillor Glenn Livingstone

31 January 2019

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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.

Councillor Chen wished everyone a Happy New Year for 2019 – Chinese Year of the Pig.

1. Apologies

Part C

There were no apologies recorded.

2. Declarations of Interest

Part B

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Part C

Committee Resolved MCSC/2019/00001

That the minutes of the Multicultural Subcommittee meeting held on Monday, 3 December 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

There were no updates from mandated groups.

7. ChristchurchNZ - Lantern Festival - 22 - 24 February 2019

Loren Heaphy, General Manager of Destination and Attraction, and Jen Beatty, Event Development Manager, of ChristchurchNZ provided an update and power point presentation on the Lantern Festival being held on 22-24 February. The Festival is being co-ordinated with the Town Hall opening. They tabled posters about the event that had been delivered to businesses and retailers.

The Multicultural Subcommittee thanked Loren and Jen for the update.

8. Culture Galore Event - 23 February 2019

Community Recreation Advisors, Lisa Gregory (Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood) and Emily Toase (Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton) updated the Subcommittee on the Culture Galore event and displayed photos of participants from previous events. Points noted included:

- Culture Galore is in its 17th year
- The Festival is for different ethnic groups
- There are over 65 food and craft stalls
- At past events over 6000 people have attended over the day
- 30 different countries are presented
- 75 groups are registered to participate this year, nine are groups new to the event.

Lisa expressed thanks to the Council and Community Boards for supporting the 23 February event.

The Multicultural Subcommittee thanked Lisa and Emily for their presentation.

An adjournment was taken from 10am to 10.12am.

9. Multicultural Report

Committee Comment

Claire Phillips provided a verbal update on the:

- Multicultural Strategy implementation – currently working on improving Council's capture of ethnicity statistics and reporting achievements against Strategy outcomes.
- Staff are planning two civic related sessions for multicultural groups in April 2019 with a focus on the machinery of Local Government and participating in the upcoming local body elections. Staff are to liaise with the Multicultural Council and Office for Ethnic Communities in relation to this.
- Funding – The Strengthening Community Fund will open for applications from 4 March to 9 April 2019. Community information sessions will be promoted widely to CALD communities. Dates are to be confirmed.
- Refugee Resettlement– update on sector co-ordination – New refugee intake is still on track for March 2019. Staff will be investigating how best to provide a welcome for them. Welcome signage for the Civic building in Hereford Street is being worked on and staff will report back to the next Subcommittee meeting on progress made.

- INFORM schedule for 2019 – on 14 February 2019 at the upcoming INFORM meeting the National Settlement Manager from MBIE will present on National Migrant Consultations.
- Gary Watson, Manager Community Partnerships and Governance, provided a brief update about Hagley Community College’s proposal for a multicultural centre.
- Multicultural subcommittee mandated group presentations for 2019 – an update on this matter will be provided to the next meeting.

Staff will follow up and present to the next meeting about welcoming signage across Council, the process for welcoming refugees into the city, and the framework for the Implementation Strategy.

Councillor Livingstone departed the meeting at 10:55 am.

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Part C

That the Multicultural Subcommittee:

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

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

Meeting concluded at 11.02am.

CONFIRMED THIS 5TH DAY OF APRIL 2019

COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN
CHAIRPERSON