# Multicultural Committee

## OPEN MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday 5 February 2020  
**Time:** 1.03pm  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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<td>Chairperson</td>
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| Members           | Councillor James Daniels  
|                   | Councillor Anne Galloway  
|                   | Councillor Yani Johanson |

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www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/
Councillor Daniels opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. **Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha**
   
   **Part C Committee Decision**

   No apologies were recorded, as all members were present.

2. **Declarations of Interest / Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga**

   **Part B**

   There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes / Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua**

   **Part C Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00001**

   That the minutes of the Open and Public Excluded Multicultural Committee meeting held on Monday, 9 December 2019 be confirmed.

   Councillor Chu/Councillor Johanson  
   
   **Carried**

4. **Public Forum / Te Huinga Tūmatanui**

   **Part B**

   A public forum was given by Dr Surinder Tandon of the Multicultural Council. Dr Tandon thanked the Council, Mayor and Councillors Chen and Galloway for their support and attendance at the Multicultural Council’s 30th anniversary event. He suggested there was a need to meet and share ideas and issues, perhaps on an annual basis.

5. **Deputations by Appointment / Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga**

   **Part B**

   There were no deputations by appointment.
6. Updates from Mandated Groups

Part B

6.1 Open Space Forum Update

Ben Gresham of the Office of Ethnic Communities provided an update and power point presentation on the Open Space Forum at was held on 31 August and 1 September 2019. The Forum was facilitated by the late Margaret Jefferies with over 150 participants.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00002

Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Thanks Ben Gresham for the presentation.

2. Requests staff to work in partnership with the Office of Ethnic Communities and other relevant agencies in the wider Muslim community to help achieve the communities goals and aspirations.

3. Acknowledges Margaret Jefferies and the attendees who provided support and contributions to the Open Space Forum.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Daniels Carried

6.2 Children’s Holocaust Memorial and Programme of Events Update

Pat Street and Rose Crossland of the Christchurch City Council's Libraries and Information Unit provided an update on the Children’s Holocaust Memorial and programme of events that will take place during May and June 2020.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00003

Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Thanks Pat Street and Rose Crossland for their presentation about the Children’s Holocaust Memorial.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Chu Carried
6.3 Imam Update

Imam Gamal Fouda of the Al Noor Mosque provided the meeting with information relating to the Mosque and his community, and concerns around support for communications and administration. Imam Lateef was unavailable to attend at this time.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00004

Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Thanks Imam Fouda for his presentation.

2. Requests staff to urgently investigate options regarding communications and administrative support.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Johanson Carried

An adjournment was taken from 2.54pm to 3.03pm.

Councillor Johanson departed at 3.10pm during the Multicultural Strategy Update.

7. Multicultural Strategy Update

Committee Comment

1. Claire Phillips spoke to her Multicultural Strategy report. This included information about the Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan and Diversity and Inclusion report; the Interagency Network for Refugees and Migrants (INFORM) schedule of meetings for 2020; and work relating to the 15 March Mosque attacks, such as Council’s work alongside the communities and agencies supporting activities and programmes that contribute to the recovery of the community.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00005

Part C

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the Multicultural Strategy Update report.

2. Acknowledge the staff contribution to dealing with the multicultural issues.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Chu Carried
Councillor Chen closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

Meeting concluded at 3.29pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 29TH DAY OF APRIL 2020

COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN
CHAIRPERSON