

**Multicultural Committee**  
**OPEN MINUTES**

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**Date:** Wednesday 3 February 2021  
**Time:** 9.38am  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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**Present**

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| Chairperson        | Councillor Jimmy Chen                                |
| Deputy Chairperson | Councillor James Daniels                             |
| Members            | Councillor Anne Galloway<br>Councillor Yani Johanson |

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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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Councillor Galloway opened the meeting with a karakia.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## 1. Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha

### Part C

#### Committee Resolved MCSC/2021/00001

That the apology received from Councillor Chu be accepted.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Johanson

**Carried**

## 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/2021/00002

That the minutes of the Multicultural Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 2 December 2020 be confirmed.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Daniels

**Carried**

## 4. Public Forum / Te Huinga Tūmatanui

### Part B

Surinder Tandon and Farahnaz Khosravi of the Multicultural Council attended to give a public forum. Points raised related to:

- Acknowledgement of the Certificate of Appreciation received from the Christchurch City Council for the Multicultural Council's support of Citizenship Ceremonies.
- Culture Galore event happening on Saturday 20 February noon to 4pm at Ray Blank Park, Ilam.
- The Royal Commission of Inquiry's Report into the terrorist attack on 15 March 2019. Surinder advised the Multicultural Council would be keen to work with the relevant Government departments, and the City Council, regarding implementation of the report recommendations.

From discussion, staff were requested to consider displaying the Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan and other related documents at the Culture Galore event.

## 5. Deputations by Appointment / Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

### Part B

There were no deputations by appointment.

## 6. Updates from Mandated Groups / Ngā Kōrero nā Ngā Rōpū-tuku-mana

### Part B

#### 6.1 Indian Social & Cultural Club Update

Monty Parti, President of the Indian Social & Cultural Club, Christchurch, was unavailable to attend the meeting to provide an update on Diwali 2020.

#### 6.2 Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment – Relationship Manager - Update

Tony McNeill, Relationship Manager of MBIE was unavailable to attend the meeting at this time to provide an update on the refugee quota system and COVID-19 issues.

#### 6.3 Multicultural Advisory Group Update

Henry Jaiswal, Deputy Chair of the Multicultural Advisory Group (MAG), addressed the meeting behalf of the Group Chair, Katrina Azer. He reported that the MAG had met in December 2020 to view the Christchurch Netball Centre at Hagley Park proposed for a multicultural centre.

Suggested priorities noted by the Committee for the MAG to focus on in 2021 were:

- An understanding required of community spaces and what is required. (Noted that this work is progressing currently).
- Addressing the Royal Commission regarding inclusion and recreational opportunities.
- Engagement with young multi-ethnic people and good structures in place for them to be heard.

The meeting was advised that the Office of Ethnic Communities (OEC) have advisors who work closely with youth. Contact will be made by staff to the OEC, as well as with Sport Canterbury, about these issues.

### Committee Resolved MCSC/2021/00003

#### Part C

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Thank Henry Jaiswal for the MAG presentation.
2. Request staff to investigate contacts and ways for engagement with multi ethnic young people and sharing of sports and recreational opportunities for them.
3. Request staff to invite a representative from ChristchurchNZ to attend a MAG meeting to discuss training opportunities for ethnic groups and young people. Extend an invitation to the Multicultural Committee members to attend that MAG meeting to participate in discussion.
4. Arrange to share the link to the Christchurch City Council's webpage Create an Event - <https://ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/create-an-event>

An adjournment was taken from 10.38am – 10.45am.

## **7. Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Terrorist Attack on Christchurch Masjidain on 15 March 2019**

### **Committee Comment**

1. The meeting noted the letter received from Mayor Lianne Dalziel about the Royal Commission's report.
2. Gary Watson outlined the process that will occur for the Councillors and MAG members to meet with Ministers of the Royal Commission/Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, on Monday 8 March 2021. Gary will provide the Councillors and MAG members with detail prior to that meeting.
3. Discussion was held about detail required in the report around the role of local councils delivering to the community, a requirement for data collection, e.g. ethnicity data from local elections, and about resources of support groups who provide education to primary school children.

### **Committee Resolved MCSC/2021/00004**

#### **Part C**

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the correspondence from the Office of the Mayor, Christchurch City Council about the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Terrorist Attack on Christchurch Masjidain on 15 March 2019.
2. Request staff try to arrange for a briefing by the Royal Commission/Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for Councillors and members of the Multicultural Advisory Group.
3. Formally consider the report and engage with the Multicultural Advisory Group and other relevant organisations to consider next steps.
4. Report back to the Council on the outcome of the engagement.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Daniels

**Carried**

**Councillor Johanson closed the meeting with a karakia.**

**Meeting concluded at 11am.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2021**

**COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN**  
**CHAIRPERSON**