
Multicultural Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Friday 30 April 2021
Time: 2.05pm
Venue: Committee Room 2, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

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| Chairperson | Councillor Jimmy Chen |
| Deputy Chairperson | Councillor Catherine Chu |
| Members | Councillor Anne Galloway 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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Karakia Timatanga: Given by Councillor Chen

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha

Part C

Committee Resolved MCSC/2021/00005

That the apology received from Councillor Catherine Chu for early departure, and for lateness from Councillor Johanson, be accepted.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Chu

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/2021/00006

That the minutes of the Multicultural Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 3 February 2021 be confirmed.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Chen

Carried

4. Public Forum / Te Huinga Tūmatanui

Part B

A public forum presentation was given by Surinder Tandon, Multicultural Council who spoke about the visit to Waitangi on 16 to 17 April attended by 23 Multicultural Councils and an interest in strengthening relationships.

Councillor Johanson arrived at 2.14pm.

Councillor Chen thanked Surinder Tandon for the information and congratulated the Multicultural Council on the visit to Waitangi.

5. Deputations by Appointment / Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

Part B

There were no deputations by appointment.

At this time the meeting dealt with Item 9.

9. Multicultural Advisory Group - 8 April 2021 - Notes

Committee Comment

1. An update was provided by the Chair of the MAG, Katrina Azer about discussion at the Multicultural Advisory Group (MAG) meeting. This related to a presentation by ChristchurchNZ staff on Skills, Workforce and Employment. There was also discussion about the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Mosque Shootings Report recommendations, including that there needs to be a focus on all ethnic communities, not just Muslim, and that the language in the report needs to be simplified and articulated to provide better understanding.
2. The notes from the MAG 8 April 2021 meeting were appended to the agenda.
3. MAG has discussed the idea of inviting a representative of Ara Institute of Canterbury to talk with them about support in business for ethnic communities.
4. The Committee requested staff to seek further information from Christchurch Budget Service and MSD on business start-up support.
5. Discussion was held about an approach for early planning by the MAG into the Council's Long Term and Annual Plan processes.

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Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the Multicultural Advisory Group notes of 8 April 2021.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Johanson

Carried

The meeting returned to Item 6 and Councillor Chu departed at 2.40pm during this update by Immigration NZ.

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

Part B

6.1 ImmigrationNZ – Relationship Manager - Update

Tony McNeill, Relationship Manager from Immigration NZ provided an update on the refugee quota system and COVID-19 issues.

There have been lower numbers of refugees coming into the country due to COVID-19 and the closed borders. Immigration NZ is working with citizens, residents and their partners on these matters, and is holding regular meetings with various group leaders.

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Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Thanks Tony McNeill, Immigration NZ, for the presentation.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Secretarial Note: Items 7 and 8 have been withdrawn from the agenda and will be dealt with in another Forum.

10. Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan Update

Committee Comment

1. Claire Appleby-Phillips provided an update on the Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan. She thanked the Committee for its support and nomination onto the Royal Commission Ministerial Advisory Group.
2. The Committee requested staff to provide them with information on PolyFest, InCommon, and other events relevant to multicultural groups they may be able to attend.

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Part C

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receives the report on the Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan update.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Johanson

Carried

12. Resolution to Exclude the Public

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Part C

That at 3.23pm the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 25 to 26 of the agenda be adopted.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 3.28pm.

11. Multicultural Advisory Group - Appointment of Additional Members

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Part C

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Agree to select and appoint four additional candidates to the Multicultural Advisory Group, subject to their agreement.
2. Agree that the names of the additional members be released immediately after they have been advised of the Committee's decision.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Meeting concluded at 3.29pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 4TH DAY OF AUGUST 2021

COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN
CHAIRPERSON

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