

Multicultural Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Friday 4 March 2022
Time: 1.05pm
Venue: Via audio-video link

Present

Chairperson	Councillor Jimmy Chen
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Anne Galloway
Members	Councillor Catherine Chu Councillor Yani Johanson Councillor Sam MacDonald

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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 Ngā Whakapāha

No apologies were recorded as all members were present.

Councillor Galloway left the meeting at 1.30pm, returned at 1.40pm, left at 1.48pm and returned at 1.50pm.

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Part B

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

Minute's Silence

The meeting stood for a minute's silence to acknowledge and support the people of Ukraine.

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

Part C

Committee Resolved MCSC/2022/00001

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

Councillor Galloway/Councillor MacDonald

Carried

4. Public Forum Te Huīnga Tūmatanui

Part B

4.1 Halswell Residents' Association

David Hawke addressed the meeting on behalf of the Halswell Residents' Association (HRA) regarding the Mataī heritage project. The HRA has been in communication with Environment Canterbury Councillor Craig Pauling and with Rūnanga about the trees.

The HRA was working on a proposal whereby various ethnic communities could use the wood to make items of woodwork, for display perhaps at Te Hāpua or other venue. The views of the Committee were sought on the proposal.

The HRA will send an email of the detail to Committee members, for their feedback and responses.

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Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Thanks David Hawke, Halswell Residents' Association for their presentation.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Chen

Carried

4.2 Multicultural Council

Dr Surinder Tandon on behalf of the Multicultural Council noted their sympathy for the people of Ukraine. He talked about COVID-19 prevention measures and advised the Multicultural Council was opposed to the protesting that was occurring, and applauded the good work by the Police. The Multicultural Council is involved in discussion with the Ministry of Social Development and Department of Internal Affairs about social cohesion and contact harm.

John Filsell advised that Claire Appleby-Phillips was having similar discussions. Further information about this will be requested from staff to be provided to the Committee.

The importance of messages about peace and bringing people together was noted.

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Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Thanks Dr Tandon for the Multicultural Council update.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

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

There were no updates on this occasion from mandated groups.

7. Treaty Relationships Team Update Report

Committee Comment

1. A presentation was given by Shayne Te Aika, Christchurch City Council Principal Advisor, and Jay Hepi, Senior Advisor, Treaty Relationships. See Minutes Attachment.
2. The presentation covered the role and function, and the key relationships of the Treaty, Ngāi Tahu and its regional Rūnanga.
3. Shayne advised that the Treaty Relationships team was always happy to engage and promote cultural understanding, including of other cultures.

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Part B


That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Treaty Relationships Update Report.
2. Give thanks to Shayne Te Aika for his comprehensive report regarding the Treaty Relationship team role and function, and the key relationships of the Treaty, Ngāi Tahu and its regional rūnanga etc.
3. Acknowledge Shayne Te Aika for his greater contribution to the Council as Principal Advisor Treaty Relationships over the last several years.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

Attachments

- A Treaty Relationship Presentation 

8. Improving Diversity and Representation in our Research

Committee Comment

1. Christchurch City Council Monitoring and Research team, Aimee Martin and Kath Jamieson, presented to the meeting on its Primary Research Programme. See Minutes Attachment. The Programme covered:
 - 1.1 Residents' Survey Programme;
 - 1.2 Life in Christchurch Programme; and
 - 1.3 Big Cities Quality of Life Survey.
2. Discussion was held following the presentation. The under-representation of the Asian community was noted with a suggestion given that the team should connect with the Multicultural Advisory Group, and the City Council's Youth Advisory Committee, to make the presentation to them.
3. This information is needed for the Council's Annual and Long Term Plans. Some geographic areas are not engaging. In response to an enquiry about what the lowest level of data was that could be collected in a neighbourhood, Kath advised that good data was available to suburb level and when results were combined. It is useful to consider how that information is provided to the Councillors. There are 16,000 on the Life of Christchurch people's panel. Ethnic community leaders as part of the people's panel was suggested. It was noted there was a full suite of age/gender/ethnicity/contact detail for Annual Plans to try and achieve a full reflection of the community.
4. A suggestion was made about engaging with multi ethnic media for translation purposes.

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Part C

That the Multicultural Committee:


1. Receives the information in this report.

2. Provides advice and input to support the Monitoring and Research Team's goals of improving the ethnic diversity of the Life in Christchurch panel and of identifying how best to engage with various communities in regard to our research.
3. Supports an ongoing collaborative approach to improving the ethnic diversity of respondents across the Monitoring and Research Teams research programme.

Councillor MacDonald/Councillor Chu

Carried

Attachments

- A Monitoring & Research Unit Research Programme Presentation 

9. Multicultural Strategy Implementation – Update

Committee Comment

Proposed Multicultural Centre

1. The Committee was provided with an update by Council's Project Management team, about the purchase of the Christchurch Netball Centre with a proposal for a Multicultural Community and Recreation Centre. The build project is planned to commence during mid-2022 and proposed to be opened in 2023.
2. Questions of clarification were responded to including about liaising and involvement with Hagley Community College.
3. Staff will continue to update and provide a briefing to the Committee when the sale has settled, netball has confirmed its exit plan and a project plan has been developed.

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Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the information in the verbal update.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Meeting concluded at 2.45pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE 2022

COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN
CHAIRPERSON