

Multicultural Committee
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 8 June 2022
Time: 1.40pm
Venue: Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson	Councillor Jimmy Chen
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Anne Galloway
Members	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 meeting opened with a Karakia Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Part C

Committee Resolved MCSC/2022/00007

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/2022/00008

That the minutes of the Multicultural Committee meeting held on Friday, 4 March 2022 be confirmed.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

4. Public Forum Te Huinga Tūmatanui

Multicultural Council

Dr Surinder Tandon gave an update on the activities of the Multicultural Council, including that the Council is promoting the Local Government Elections, and sharing information with the ethnic communities.

5. Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

Part B

There were no deputations by appointment.

6. Updates from InCommon

Part B

6.1 InCommon

Holly Griffin, Project Manager, InCommon provided an update about InCommon, a campaign that encourages people to reach out across cultures and faiths to make Canterbury a place where everyone feels they belong. Holly gave a presentation (see Minutes Attachment). She thanked the Council for its support with the campaign. InCommon is guided by Te Tiriti o Waitangi and borne out of the Christchurch mosque attacks to highlight how similar we are to people who, at first, may not think we share much in common. Members of the Committee participated in an InCommon mini-quiz.

Holly responded to questions from Committee members about InCommon and discussion was held about strengthening connections with the local Ukranian and Russian communities.

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Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Thank Holly Griffin for her presentation about InCommon.

Councillor MacDonald/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Attachments

A InCommon Presentation 

Councillor MacDonald left the meeting at 2.12pm.

7. Multicultural Advisory Group Minutes - 3 May 2022

7.1 Multicultural Advisory Group

Henry Jaiswal (Chair) and Shreejana Chhetri (Deputy Chair) of the Multicultural Advisory Group addressed the meeting about the Group's feedback provided to the Multicultural Strategy Diversity and Inclusion Report. It was noted that Henry and Shreejana are newly appointed to the Chair and Deputy positions and that the previous Chair Katrina Azer had stepped down from the Group. The group is keen to hear from ethnic leaders and youth also.

Discussion was held about the Multicultural Strategy Diversity and Inclusion Report and about sharing and promoting information about the Multicultural Centre with multicultural groups.

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That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the Notes from the Multicultural Advisory Group meeting held 3 May 2022.
2. Thank Katrina Azer for her service as Chair of the Multicultural Advisory Group.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

The meeting adjourned from 2.38pm to 2.45pm.
Councillor MacDonald returned to the meeting at 2.45pm.

8. Ministry for Ethnic Communities Update

1. Deborah Lam, Senior Advisor for the Ministry for Ethnic Communities-Christchurch presented on the Ministry's work relating to Aotearoa New Zealand's ethnic communities (see Minutes Attachment). She noted it was one year on from the establishment of the Ministry for Ethnic Communities. Deborah gave an apology on behalf of Matt Nichols, Southern Regional Manager, who was unable to attend today's meeting.
2. Deborah outlined the three hui completed on the Ministry's Ukraine and Russian workstream.
3. Further discussion was held about how the Council and Ministry for Ethnic Communities can work together to help these communities, to provide relevant messaging, and to avoid overlaps relating to any provision of funding from either organisation.

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Part C

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Update Report from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Deborah Lam, Senior Advisor Ministry for Ethnic Communities- Christchurch.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Attachments

- A Ministry for Ethnic Communities Presentation 

9. Multicultural Strategy Implementation- Staff Update

Committee Comment

1. Claire Appleby-Phillips' report provided updates on the Multicultural Strategy Implementation, and on the Royal Commission of Inquiry Ministerial Advisory Group – Kāpuia.
2. Claire discussed additional matters, relating to:
 - a. A vacancy for a Kaitohutohu Whakawhanake Hāpori Māori Community Development Advisor, to be based in the Christchurch City Council's Community Support and Partnerships team. Applications for the role close on 9 June 2022.
 - b. Strengthening engagement project – working specifically with Māori, Pacific and Asian communities.
 - c. Housing for multicultural groups is an issue that staff will investigate further.
 - d. Equitable access to facilities by multicultural groups. Staff will assess and update the Committee about this matter.

- e. Claire reported on community conversations the team is beginning to have with multicultural groups and other stakeholders relating to the establishment of the Multicultural Sport and Recreation Centre. An inaugural Trust will be appointed to manage the Centre in a council/community partnership. Claire will meet with Venues Ōtautahi to gain further insight into facility management.

Councillor MacDonald departed at 3.30pm during the discussion about the Multicultural Sport and Recreation Centre.

- f. In response to an enquiry, staff will provide an update to the Committee members about the new Linwood mosque development.
- g. Claire advised of the Immigrant Journeys launch to be held at Tūranga Library, Central Christchurch on Sunday, 12 June 2022 1pm, if Committee members wished to attend the event.

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Part C

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Multicultural Strategy Implementation - Staff Update Report.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

Meeting concluded with a Karakia Whakamutunga at 3.43pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022

COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN
CHAIRPERSON