

Multicultural Committee OPEN MINUTES

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

Present

Chairperson	Councillor Jimmy Chen
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Catherine Chu
Members	Councillor James Daniels
	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

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 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2020

COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN
CHAIRPERSON