

Multicultural Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Friday 14 August 2020
Time: 9.32am
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

10 August 2020

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Part A Matters Requiring a Council Decision

Part B Reports for Information

Part C Decisions Under Delegation

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

Councillors Johanson, Chu and Daniels attended the meeting via video conference call.

1. Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha

Part C

There were no apologies 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/2020/00006

That the minutes of the Multicultural Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 5 February 2020 be confirmed.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

4. Public Forum / Te Huinga Tūmatanui

Multicultural Council

A public forum was given by Dr Surinder Tandon of the Multicultural Council. Surinder congratulated the Council regarding proceeding to acquire the Canterbury Netball Centre to be used as a Multicultural Centre and offered the support of the Multicultural Council on design and organisation of services for the Centre.

The Multicultural Council has been very active in distributing information to members regarding COVID-19 and alert levels, and with the Ministry of Social Development providing food vouchers to 90-100 people.

The Multicultural Council has been representing various forums and groups and has been busy with activities, encouraging community groups to keep celebrating events especially after lockdown including Zoom meetings to keep connected.

The Multicultural Council are holding their AGM on 27 August 2020. Dr Tandon thanked the Committee for their work.

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 Office of Ethnic Communities Update

Shane Whitfield, Regional Manager Community Engagement Southern Team of the Office of Ethnic Communities provided an update and power point presentation on the organisation's activities. Shane advised a significant growth in staff levels and the Christchurch team now covers the whole of the South Island. Shane presented Our Mahi, Who We Are and What We Do, and the Changing Face of NZ.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00007

Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Thanks Shane Whitfield, Office of Ethnic Communities, for his presentation.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Johanson

Carried

6.2 ChristchurchNZ - Moon Festival Update

Jemma Clarke and Jennifer Beatty from ChristchurchNZ provided an update and power point presentation to the meeting about the ChristchurchNZ Moon Festival preparations and activities. Strut & Fret have been appointed to deliver the festival and due to the COVID-19 pandemic the decision was made to postpone the 2020 Festival. The event is now to be held in Spring as an anchor for BLOOM.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00008

Part B

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Thanks Jemma Clarke and Jennifer Beatty, ChristchurchNZ for their presentation and update on the Moon Festival.

Councillor Galloway/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Councillor Daniels left the meeting at 10:20 am.

The meeting adjourned from 10.30am until 10.36am.

7. Multicultural Advisory Group 16 July 2020 - New Chair and Notes

Committee Comment

1. Katrina Azer was introduced by Claire Appleby-Phillips to the meeting. Katrina is the newly appointed Chair of the Multicultural Advisory Group and both provided an update on the Group's activities. Katrina advised it was important to implement the Multicultural Strategy.

At their last Multicultural Advisory Group meeting they were focused on cultural events and the multicultural festival Culture Galore, feedback was discussed and how the festival can be enhanced. Paul Reeves, the Area Prevention Manager of the NZ Police was introduced to the Multicultural Advisory Group meeting where racism, unconscious bias and how to minimise discrimination were discussed. Katrina advised on the need to form a Board of Trustees for the Hagley Netball Centre (Multicultural Centre). Claire advised on the need to forward to the Group information regarding the upcoming elections, and on ethnicity data collected.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00009

Part C

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Multicultural Advisory Group notes report.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Galloway

Carried

8. Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan Update

Committee Comment

1. Claire Appleby-Phillips spoke to her Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan. This included an update on the 4 Goals in the Plan, proceeding with the purchase of the Canterbury Netball Centre for use as a Multicultural, Community and Recreation Centre, and two new appointments, Henry Jaiswal and Roy Du, to the Multicultural Advisory Group due to vacancies.

Committee Resolved MCSC/2020/00010

Part C

That the Multicultural Committee:

1. Receives the report on the Multicultural Strategy Implementation Plan update.
2. Approves the co-option of Henry Jaiswal and Roy Du to the Multicultural Advisory Group to fill current vacancies.
3. Asks staff to engage with Office of Ethnic Communities around operational and capital funding for the Multicultural Centre.

Councillor Chen/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Meeting concluded at 11.38am.

CONFIRMED THIS 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

COUNCILLOR JIMMY CHEN
CHAIRPERSON