

CHRISTCHURCH MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL (INCORPORATED)

Rules and Constitution

1. NAME

The name of the Council shall be "The Christchurch Multicultural Council (Incorporated)" (referred to in these rules as "The Council").

2. OBJECTS

The main objects of the Council shall be:

- a) To give and receive mutual support and co-operation between and among multicultural groups.
- b) To promote equality for multicultural groups in New Zealand, including effective participation in decisions which affect them and in the sharing of community resources.
- c) To encourage the development of multicultural groups concerned with promoting social and cultural life within their communities and helping to create greater awareness, sensitivity and pride within New Zealand society as a whole.
- d) To promote awareness and acceptance of a multicultural society.
- e) To meet as a council of divergent multicultural backgrounds in the context of citizens of New Zealand and/or members of the New Zealand society.
- f) To co-operate with central and local government, government agencies and voluntary organisations in the promotions of its objectives.
- g) To promote the awareness of the Treaty of Waitangi amongst its members.
- h) To raise consciousness among all communities of the needs, aspirations and status of the Tangata Whenua.

3. LIMITATIONS

- a) Issues arising outside of New Zealand shall not be translated into the business of the Council.
- b) Only persons authorised by the Executive shall be empowered to make public statements on behalf of the Council.

4. DEFINITION OF MULTICULTURAL GROUP

A multicultural group is a segment of the population distinguished by a combination of shared customs, beliefs, traditions and characteristics derived from a common or presumed common past, even if now drawn from what in biological terms, is a common racial stock; a combination which gives them an historically determined social identity in their own eyes, and in the eyes of those outside the group. A multicultural group has a distinct social identity based not simply on group cohesion and solidarity, but also on their belief as to their historical antecedents.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership of the Council shall be open to Incorporated Multicultural Societies or representatives of Non-Incorporated Multicultural Organisations or individuals subject to the approval of the Council. Application for membership shall be made to the secretary in writing.
- b) Each multicultural group shall be represented by not more than two delegates appointed by that multicultural group from time to time.
- c) The Council may invite representatives from Central and/or local government, and/or other government agencies, and/or voluntary organisations, to attend meetings of the Council as observers and/or advisers.
- d) The Council may at its Annual or Special General Meeting award "Life membership" to its members for their exemplary contributions.

6. THE EXECUTIVE

The administration of the affairs of the Council shall be vested in an Executive Committee (referred to in these rules as "The Executive") consisting of

Chairperson

Two Deputy Chairpersons

Secretary

Treasurer

Nine committee members

The Executive is to be elected by the membership.

7. DURATION OF SERVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE

At each Annual General Meeting all members of the Executive shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.

8. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE

- a) Nominations for the positions of – Chairperson, Two Deputy Chairpersons, Secretary, Treasurer and nine members shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of the Council. In the event of the number of nominations exceeding the number of vacancies, elections shall be by ballot. The retiring Chairperson shall preside until the conclusion of the meeting. Vacancies occurring on the Executive from time to time may be filled by the Council.
- b) No more than one delegate from a multicultural group is to be a member of the Executive and in the event of two delegates from one multicultural group being nominated, the delegate receiving the larger number of votes shall be elected.
- c) The Multicultural Council may, if so desired, elect a Patron at its Annual General Meeting.

9. QUORUM AND MEETINGS

- a) The quorum for the Annual General Meeting, Special General Meetings and the Quarterly Council Meetings shall be the ONE THIRD of member.
- b) The quorum for Executive Meetings shall be SEVEN members personally present.
- c) The Council shall meet in the month of May (Annual General Meeting), August, November and February at a time and a place as it shall decide.
- d) The Executive shall meet as such times and places as it shall decide.

10. FINANCE

- a) The Financial Year of the Council shall close on 31st March of each year.
- b) The annual subscription shall be fixed by the Council at the Annual General Meeting payable by 30 April of each year. Any member whose subscription shall be over 12 months in arrears shall cease to be a member of the Council.
- c) The subscriptions for the first year shall be set at the Annual General Meeting

11. BANKING

An account shall be kept with such bank as may be decided upon by the Executive, into which the funds of the Council shall be paid, and upon which cheques shall be drawn for the payments of accounts on the authority of the Executive. All cheques shall be signed by two of the four members appointed by the Executive for that purpose.

12. BORROWING POWERS

The Council shall in addition to the powers vested in it have the power to borrow or raise money from time to time upon such terms and in such manner as shall seem fit to the Council subject to prior notice being given.

13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting of the Council shall be held in the month of May. Fourteen days' notice of such AGM shall be given to the members. The business to be transacted at such meetings shall be:

- Apologies
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Business arising out of Minutes
- Annual Report and Balance Sheet
- Notice of Motion (if any)
- Election of Executive Officers
- Any other business

14. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Chairperson shall, within 7 days of a request for a Special Council Meeting, by either the Executive or by one-third of member call a Special Council Meeting to be

held within 7 days. The petition and notice of meeting shall be the same as that for a Council Meeting.

15. VOTING POWER

Each of the two delegates representing each member multicultural group present at any meeting shall be entitled to one vote each, to be exercised by a show of hands or by ballot but no delegate shall be entitled to vote by proxy.

16. AMENDMENTS TO RULES

These rules may be amended by motion at a General Meeting provided that:

- a) Notice of motion specifying the amendments is given to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting; and
- b) The motion is passed by two thirds of the members present at the meeting.

No member shall be entitled to vote by proxy on any such motion. No amendments shall be passed, and if passed shall be of no effect, if such amendments affects the non-profit objectives of the Council, or rule 26 hereof, or this sub-rule.

17. HONORARY AUDITOR AND HONORARY LEGAL ADVISER

An Honorary Auditor shall be appointed to review or certify the compliance of the Annual Accounts of the Council at the Annual General Meeting.

An Honorary Legal Advisor may be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

18. MEMBERSHIP ROLL

The Executive shall keep a Roll of all members

19. OFFICE

If any delegate shall in the opinion of the Council shall be the residence of the Secretary, or such other place as may be determined by the Executive.

20. OFFENCES

If any delegate shall in the opinion of the Council, be guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interest of the Council, the Council shall have power to request the multicultural group to appoint a new delegate.

21. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

Any member shall cease to be a member:

- a) Upon resignation by notice in writing to the Council.
- b) If the Council by a majority of two-thirds of members present at a meeting duly convened for the purpose, resolves that such members shall be expelled from membership.

c) That its subscription is 12 months in arrears.

22. SEAL

The Executive shall provide a Common Seal of the Council, which shall only be used by the authority of the Executive previously given, and in the presence of two members of the Executive at the least, who shall sign the instrument to which the Seal is affixed, and every such instrument shall be countersigned by the Secretary or some person

appointed by the Executive. The Seal shall be in the custody of the Secretary or such other person appointed by the Executive in his instead.

23. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

It shall be the objective of the Council that, if possible, all questions, resolutions or motions submitted to its meetings shall be decided by consensus, and where any matter is not provided for in these Rules, Parliamentary Rules, insofar as they are applicable, shall apply.

24. COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings shall be held by authority of the Executive. At such meetings the Chairperson or if absent the Deputy Chairperson shall preside, or if they are both absent the meeting may elect a Chairperson. All questions and resolutions submitted to the meeting shall be decided by CONSENSUS. When a consensus decision cannot be reached, a simple majority of votes shall determine a decision.

Meetings may be called in such a manner as the Executive may determine.

25. PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS

No individual member or any person associated with a member shall receive any form of private income, benefit or advantage from the operations. No person associated with a member shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the Council in respect of the payment. Any such income paid shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arm's-length transaction (being the open market value). No addition to or alteration or rescission of the rules shall be approved if it affects the charitable objects, the personal benefit clause or the winding up clause.

26. DISSOLUTION

The Council may be liquidated at a General Meeting provided that:

- a) Notice of motion is given to the Secretary at least four clear weeks before the date of such meeting; and
- b) The procedures stipulated in the Incorporate Societies Act 1908 are carried out.
- c) For such a resolution to be passed, two third of the financial members should need to vote in favour of such resolution. No member shall be entitled to vote by

proxy on such a motion. In the event of the Council being wound up, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on its behalf shall be fully discharged as possible and any funds remaining shall be given to those members which are in existence at the date of winding up, provided that they have charitable objectives which are substantially similar to those of the Council, and in such proportions as the General Meeting decides, and if there are no such members then to any one or more organisations within New Zealand which has charitable objectives substantially similar to those of the Council, in such proportion as the general meeting decides, and failing that to such one or more organisations as is determined by the High Court of New Zealand, in such proportion as the Court decides.

The foregoing Rules were confirmed at the Special Meeting of the Christchurch Multicultural Council called for the purpose and held on 20 August 2009.

Wengkei Chen	Chinese Lions Club.	49A, Jeffreys Road.	Chen Wengkei
Archana Tandon	GOPIC, ChCh.	273, Southfield Drive	Tandon
Maria abou	Refuge and Migrant Relief Group women's support (East Timor community)	Lincoln 9. onawe place shirley	club
Mafi Masiu.	Tongan Community.	178 ^B Halswell	Mafi Masiu
Vasi Tuai			
Cornelia Mapeau	CMC,	3/64 Elizabeth St.	Chini
Surinder Tandon	Indian		Sur.
Mamie Hornby	CPIT	P.O. Box 540, ChCh	Mamie Hornby
Papadi O'Connor	PEETO	P.O. Box 13380	Papadi O'Connor
Kevin Park	The ChCh Migrants Centre	166 St. Asaph St	Kevin Park
George Abraham	Indians	11/31 Poulson St Addington	George Abraham
Shirish Paranjape	Indian Social & Cultural Club	93 Apsley Drive Avonhead, ChCh	Paranjape
TAKIYOSHI KAMIYA	THE JAPANESE SOCIETY	52 BANKS AVE., CHRISTCHURCH	T. Kamiya
Lorna Szentivanyi	Hungarian Soc.	102 Warrington St St Albans	L. Szentivanyi
Maria Wylaars	Netherlands Society	561 Marshland Rd. ChCh 8083.	M. Wylaars
Dim de W.	Netherlands Soc.	24 Fenchurch St ChCh 8082	Dim de W.