



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
CHRISTCHURCH MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL (INC.)
Friday, 7:00 PM, 24 October 2025
Zoom Meeting**

1. Welcome and Introductions.

The meeting commenced with Karakia by Surinder, who welcomed all participants to the meeting.

2. Attendees

Surinder Tandon, Kogi So, Samantha Bandara, Hero Modares, Archana Tandon, Rathika Parthipan, Audrey Davies, Jennifer Hsiao, Bishnu Pokhrel, Emmie King, Narayani Tiwari, Naomi Peters.

3. Apologies.

Farah Khosravi, Irinka Britnell, Gopal Poudyel, Dilmini Perera
Motion to accept: Archana. Seconded by: Emmie.

4. Minutes of the Last Monthly Meeting (November 2025)

Surinder presented the minutes from the last meeting held on November 2025.
Motion to accept: Bishnu. Seconded by: Audrey

5. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting – Nil

6. Correspondence

- All correspondence shared via email
- Membership fee reminders sent to members with outstanding payments.

7. Financial Report

Treasurer Samantha presented the financial report.

Balances as of 30 November 2025:

Cheque account: \$10,341.35

Women's Committee account: \$1,272.19

Term Investment account: \$7,314.04

Income: Nil.

Expenditure (CCC): \$118.00

Motion to accept the report: Samantha. Seconded by Audrey.

- Report moved by Samantha. Seconded by Kogi
- Detailed membership fee report to be presented at January 2026 meeting

Bank Account Update

- Delays of over two months due to documentation and verification
- Concerns raised regarding operational impact.

8. Constitution Revision – Incorporated Societies Act 2022

- Draft revised constitution prepared
- Feedback sought from members and Community Law Centre
- Four-week review period for members
- Special General Meeting planned for February 2026 to adopt the revised constitution.

9. Social Cohesion Workshop

- Partnership with Race Relations Commission and New Zealand Police

- Planned for April or May 2026
- Focus on social cohesion, discrimination, and racism
- Multicultural New Zealand to support logistics
- Local agencies to be invited

10. Canterbury Elder Empowerment Network

Network meeting was held on 4 November. Terms of Reference were discussed and adopted. Terms of reference briefly discussed. Further engagement and updates to follow

11. Women Council Projects (Archna)

Women health and wellbeing. Self Defense course.
Focus on domestic violence.

12. Members' Reports.

Jennifer – Taiwan 2025 world congress meeting in Malaysia.

Audrey – International Club – 1 Nov spring walk at The Groynes. Christmas get-together 21 December at New Brighton Pier.

Bishnu – AGM of Canterbury Nepalese Society coming up.

Naomi – A Japanese Football club participated in NZ Ethnic Football Festival in Hamilton

Gopal – Bhutani Sanjh (Evening), Saturday 22 November. Very successful.

Hero – AI courses. Planning for Nowruz at Parliament – 24 March.

Samanthi – The Stage – Annual Talent Show. Saturday 15 November. Very successful.

Surinder – T20 Multiethnic cricket tournament organised with ChCh Metro Cricket Association over 3 Sundays in December.

Archna – Held Self-defense course on 22 Nov.

Emmie – Culture Galore 2026 registrations open. INFoRM meeting.

Kogi – Citizenship ceremony. Christmas/New Year break – enjoy everyone.

13. Upcoming

Mental Health – forum to be organised with Bishnu Pokhrel's support and MHERC. A meeting is to be held to plan further.

14. General Business - Nil.

15. Meeting Closure

The meeting closed at 8:30 PM with thanks from the Chairperson.

Best Wishes for the Christmas and New Year Holiday Break.