



# 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, Samanthi Bandara, Hero Modares, Archna 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: Archna. 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 Samanthi 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: Samanthi. Seconded by Audrey.

- Report moved by Samanthi. 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.**