

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CHRISTCHURCH MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL (INC.)

**Held on Thursday, 7:00 PM, 20 March 2025
at Meeting Room 3, Upper Riccarton Library, 71
Main South Road, Sockburn, Christchurch.
&
Zoom Meeting**

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Meeting opened by Surinder with Karakia

2. Attendance and Apologies.

Attendees: Surinder Tandon, Nancy Goh, Emmie King, Audrey Davies, Rachel Hunt (CCC Community Resilience Coordinator – guest speaker), Narayani Tiwari, Archna Tandon, Debbie Yu, Weng Kei Chen, Naomi Peters (minutes taker), Ankush Mankotia

Zoom: Jennifer Hsiao, Bishnu Pokhrel

Apologies: Julie, Hero Modares, Farah Khosravi, Kogi So

Moved by Audrey, seconded by Archna

3. Minutes of the last monthly meeting (February).

Correction on finance report

Expense: \$527.39 Stage hire for Many Voices

Income: Credit interest total \$27.54

\$300 x 2 sponsorships for Many Voices.

Moved by Surinder, second by Audrey

4. Matters arising from the last monthly meeting (February).

Nil

5. Correspondence. New membership applications. Updates.

Letter from MBIE regarding the re-registration of incorporated society. Time is running out.

MNZ is offering help - Constitution to be reviewed. Once received it will be presented to the Council.

To members: Christchurch Community Law Centre is helping re-registration. Approach them for help if needed.

The sooner the better.

Other correspondence has been shared by email.

No new membership applications (Omkar Bhutanese Canterbury Trust – latest member).

6. Financial Update – Acting Treasurer - Audrey Davies

- Membership renewal. Invoicing, Funding applications.
Last year – updated

- Balance as at 28 Feb 2025

Cheque Account Balance: \$11,697.79

Women's Committee Account Balance: \$1,722.19

Term Investments Account Balance: \$7,062.27

Income
Membership Renewal: \$100
Credit Interest: \$5.98

Expenses
Many Voices: \$153 (CMRC venue booking)
Moved by Audrey seconded by Emmie

Some members have not paid membership fee.
To be followed up by Surinder / Audrey

- AGM June last year, agenda – treasure report was in draft form.
Audrey reviewed draft report and made necessary corrections – presented.
Moved by Audrey, seconded by Nancy & Archna
All agreed
Surinder to submit to Company Office.

7. Guest presentation on CCC Civil Defense Emergency Management (CDEM).

- Community Resilience Coordinators: Rachel Hunt, Aviva Cui and Nathan Black
CMC has been working with CDEM very closely especially after earthquake etc, now with Sarah & Viviana at INFOrm Meeting. Met with Rachael, Nathan and Aviva online. Discussed how CMC and members can work together.

Rachel – working at 2 areas;

- Public education – communities, schools - how to get prepared, what we do.
Community response plan for particular communities.
Each community needs to be prepared for emergencies. Discuss what is needed, taking into account specifically unique aspect of the community.
Community hub - could be church, hall etc.
(Some communities only have a few members, others are big enough to have their own facilities)
Food distribution – community needed most, stay overnight
Civil defense will be opening emergency hubs and announce the location once they are set up. Until then communities need to support each other.
What is the response plan for your community - which hazard? Earthquake, tsunami, floods? Do you have space?
Door knocking? Identify what your community doesn't have? Physical resources, food, generator?
May want to apply for fund to be prepared for emergency situations.
For example, Bank Peninsula could be cut off, city – how do we communicate?
Setting up community hub, how to use.

If interested, CDEM can have a session for more explanation.

- Resources
Community hub / Communication /
CCC encourage each community to be prepared – be comfortable feel safe and privacy secured and connecting people together.
Now is the time to think
3 personnel allocated for the work.
CDEM – train every week – volunteers

4 general teams. 1 x team emergency (people need social support)
Community hub – setting up hub look after yourself

Viviana – CDEM preparedness plan survey / ethnic communities what facility (to be followed up by Rachel)
If needed email to reach Rachel and others.

8. Meetings, Activities and Events

- Discussion initiated with CCC on CDEM. CCC to provide an update (As above)
- Meeting with Christchurch Resettlement Services (Shirley Wright) for establishing Empowerment (Elder Abuse) Network. 18 March. Report provided.
Archna and Surinder attended. At next meeting, there will be a talk about project – presentations by Age Concern, Resettlement Service.
- INFoRM Meeting at Multicultural Centre. Tuesday 18 February. Report provided.
Last month, Viviana talked about civil defense, CMC expressed interest and invited Rachal.
Strategy for multicultural communities' preparation will be reported at the next meeting. Survey being conducted.
- Culture Galore. Saturday 8 March. Ray Blank Park. Ilam. Cancelled due to wet weather.
Shame as the weather turned ok.
- CMC website: chchmc.org.nz
Members need to register to be able to login to access documents. Please register for log in.
9 registrations so far.
How to register – Surinder will communicate.
Naomi to update the website from time to time.
- Citizenship ceremonies – Christchurch and Selwyn.

Upcoming

- CCC Online meeting for Strengthening Communities Funding. Tuesday 25 March 5.30pm – 7pm.
Registration essential.
How to use new funding application portal.
- Changes to Charities Laws. Workshops by Community Law Canterbury. Lunchtime 17 April, evening 12 May.
- Race Unity Speech Contest. 25 and 26 March, 7pm at Christchurch Baha'i Centre. 31 Domain Terrace, Spreydon. It takes place every year. Surinder and Hero – judges. Speech by high school students compete at high school level – local contest – national
- Other projects/activities: Sports Day with Netball Centre and Sports Canterbury. Emmie to contact manager at Netball Centre.

9. Women Council Projects

- International Women's Day. Sunday 9 March. Mohoao Hall, Te Hāpua Halswell Centre. Reported by Archna.
- Bollywood Dance Fitness Classes. Started on Saturday 8 March. Lincoln Event Centre and Pioneer Stadium. Very popular. 2nd and 4th Saturday. Reported by Archna.
- Self-Defense course – to be planned.
- Cross-cultural parenting workshops – to be planned.
- Rather than having an event like Many Voices every year, we should focus on more frequent smaller events. For example, celebrating "International Family Day" in potluck dinner type of gathering. To be planned for Saturday 17 or Sunday 18 May.

10. Members' reports

- Emmie - Chinese Association - 75th Easter Sports Tournament in Dunedin.
- Naomi - Japanese Society - Japanese style sports day within community

11. General matters - nil

Meeting was closed at 9.00 pm