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OPEN MINUTES

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting Date: **Monday, 20 August 2012**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the International Advisory Group held on
20 August 2012 at 3.30pm**

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HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP HELD IN THE LANDMARKS ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LYNDON ROAD EAST, HASTINGS ON MONDAY, 20 AUGUST 2012 AT 3.30PM

PRESENT: **Chair:** Councillor Watkins
Mayor Yule and Councillor Henderson
Mr D Bromwich, Mr D Brownrigg, Mr J Morgan, Mrs S
Russell and Mr B Young

IN ATTENDANCE: Project Manager: Executive Office (Ms C Paget)
Economic and Social Development Manager (Mr S Breen)
Committee Secretary (Mrs C Hunt)

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Henderson

That apologies for absence from Councillor O'Keefe and Mrs Padfield be accepted.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr Young declared a conflict of interest in Item 6 in regard to "Asians in the Bay".

3. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONFIRMATION

Councillor Henderson/Mr Brownrigg

That the minutes of the International Advisory Group held 5 March 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be adopted.

CARRIED

4. SISTER CITY ACCOUNT BALANCE TO END JUNE 2012

The Project Manager: Executive Office spoke to the report and advised that this represented year-end figures. A discussion was held regarding Carry Forwards and Ms Paget advised that it would be unlikely that any funding would be carried over, however a request had been made.

There was discussion about expenditure for the coming year regarding signage for the Tilia tree which was moved from the lawn outside the Hastings District Council building and relocated across Lyndon Road outside the Hastings District Library and a Chinese translation of the signs in the Osmanthus Garden. A sign was to

have been erected following the relocation of the tree which was originally planted in 1981 to mark the Sister City partnership with Guilin, China.

Signage for the Tilia tree and Chinese Information Boards at the Osmanthus Garden would be in both the English and Chinese language.

Councillor Watkins/Mr Young

- A) **That the report of the Project Manager: Executive Office titled “Sister City Account Balance to end June 2012” dated 9 July 2012 be received.**
- B) **That if the carry forwards are not approved by Council the following actions will still be undertaken:**
- i) **Erect signage for the history and significance of the Tilia Tree in both the English and Chinese language.**
 - ii) **Erect an information board in both the English and Chinese language at the Osmanthus Garden, Cornwall Park.**

CARRIED

5. SISTER CITY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Project Manager, Executive Office, Ms Paget advised that the purpose of the report was to update the Advisory Group about Sister City activity since the last meeting, and to seek funding support for the Asians in the Bay event.

Sister City New Zealand Conference, Wellington, 9-12 May 2012 - This conference was attended by Councillor Watkins and Mrs Padfield of the Education Link Group.

In response to the Sister Cities New Zealand request for expressions of interest (EOI) in hosting the 2014 Sister Cities Conference it was agreed that with the China Friendship Society hosting their Conference in Hastings in 2014 it would not be practicable.

Councillor Watkins was congratulated on his appointment as President of the Sister Cities New Zealand for the next two years.

Hastings Sister City Garden at the Guangxi Garden and Horticulture Expo - A list of suggested native plant species and a series of photographs of key landmarks in Hastings was sent to the Guilin Foreign Affairs office to assist with the planning of the Hastings garden.

Guangxi International Friendship Cities Conference, Nanning, 17-21 July 2012 - Councillor Watkins attended the conference in Nanning and was chosen to deliver one of four 6 minute speeches at the opening ceremony. He suggested that future delegation visits to China should incorporate Nanning City in their itinerary.

Destination Thailand - The Destination Thailand event was held at the Hawke's Bay Opera House on Sunday 29 April 2012 from 10.00am-4.00pm.

Education Link Group - The Education Link Group welcomed a Guilin Teacher's Delegation from 31 July to 3 August 2012. The itinerary included visits to Hastings Girls' High School, Mahora School, Hereworth, Hastings Intermediate and Havelock North High. Feedback from the delegation was very positive and they enjoyed the very focussed itinerary that had been organised and the opportunity to homestay.

Friendship Cities Cooperation Award Winners – Hastings District Council was one of the friendship cities cooperation award winners at the 2012 China International Friendship Cities Conference, to be held in Chengdu from 11-14 September 2012.

It was agreed at the meeting that Paul Duffy, from Sister Cities New Zealand receive the award on behalf of Hastings on 13 September 2012.

Having previously declared an interest in "Asians in the Bay" Mr Young did not participate in this discussion.

Asians in the Bay -The community newspaper Asians in the Bay will hold the Inaugural Asians in the Bay Awards evening on 25 August 2012 at the Shakespeare Room of the Hawke's Bay Opera House.

The Advisory Group agreed to \$1000.00 funding to cover the venue hire costs. Additional sponsors were being sought and if a business agreed to sponsor Council would allow the business to have any naming rights.

Mr Brownrigg/Councillor Henderson

- A) That the report of the Project Manager: Executive Office titled "Sister City Activity Report" dated 20/08/2012 be received.**
- B) That \$1000.00 be allocated to assist with venue hire costs for the Asians in the Bay Awards evening.**

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to the Council's Strategic Objectives by:

Fostering civic pride in our community by developing and our relationship with Guilin, China and other international communities.

CARRIED

6. DEVELOPMENT OF A BI-LINGUAL BROCHURE

The Economic and Social Development Manager, Mr Breen advised that the purpose of the report was to update the Group about international economic development activity and to seek support for funding from the sister city budget for the production of the bi-lingual Hastings District information brochure.

A copy of the brochure was circulated at the meeting. It was considered that printing costs were very expensive and that it may be possible that the printing of the brochure should be undertaken in China. Mr Breen to investigate costings.

Following discussion it was agreed that members of the Group would provide feed back on the brochure by Monday, 27 August 2012.

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Henderson

- A) That the report of the Economic and Social Development Manager titled “Development of a Bi-lingual Brochure” dated 20/08/2012 be received.
- B) That funding of \$1,500.00 excluding GST as a 50% contribution towards the cost of producing a bi-lingual Hastings District information brochure be provided from the sister city budget.

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to the Council’s Strategic Objectives by:

Building a strong District identity

CARRIED

7. INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERSHIP AND DELEGATIONS

The Project Manager, Executive Office, Ms Paget advised that the purpose of the report was to obtain a decision from the International Advisory Group (IAG) on the proposed membership and delegations for this group.

- 1 The Hastings District Mayor
- 2 Hastings District Councillors
- 2 New Zealand China Friendship Society
- 2 Hawke’s Bay Chinese Association
- 1 Education Link Group
- 1 Hastings District Youth Council
- 1 Hawke’s Bay Ethnic Association
- 1 Hawke’s Bay Settlement Support
- 1 Iwi
- 1 Representative with experience of developing strategic international relations

The Quorum be changed to read “5 members including not less than **one** Hastings District Council member”.

Councillor Watkins/Mrs Russell

- A) That the report of the Project Manager: Executive Office titled “International Advisory Group membership and delegations” dated 20/08/2012 be received.
- B) That the International Advisory Group approves the revised statement of intent and delegations and membership of the International Advisory Group as follows:

- 1 The Hastings District Mayor
- 2 Hastings District Councillors
- 2 New Zealand China Friendship Society
- 2 Hawke’s Bay Chinese Association
- 1 Education Link Group
- 1 Hastings District Youth Council
- 1 Hawke’s Bay Ethnic Association
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- C) That the International Advisory Group recommends to the District Development Committee that the revised membership, statement of intent and delegations be adopted.**

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to the Council’s Strategic Objectives by:

Developing and promoting our Sister City relationship with Guilin and supporting international activity.

CARRIED

8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no additional business items.

9. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 5.05pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: