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## **OPEN MINUTES**

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## **INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP**

**Meeting Date: Monday, 11 February 2013**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the International Advisory Group held on  
11 February 2013 at 2.00pm**

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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, 11 FEBRUARY 2013 AT 2.00PM

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**PRESENT:** **Chair:** Councillor Watkins  
Councillor Henderson  
Mr D Bromwich, Mr D Brownrigg, Mrs S Russell, Mr B  
Young, Mr T Too, Mrs J Too and Mrs S Padfield

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

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#### 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Henderson

**That apologies for absence from Ms Speekenbrink be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

#### 2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

#### 3. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CONFIRMATION

Mrs Russell/Mrs Padfield

**That the minutes of the International Advisory Group held 15 October 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

*With the agreement of the meeting Item 6 was taken out of order.*

#### 6. TRADE WITH CHINA - VERBAL UPDATE

The Economic and Social Development Manager, Mr Breen circulated letters from the Nanning Foreign Affairs and Overseas Chinese Affairs Office and from the Standing Committee of Nanning People's Congress expressing their thanks for the warm reception the Delegation received on their visit in January 2013.

Mr Breen advised that as Hastings has the oldest New Zealand sister-city relationship with Guilin, Council were exploring opportunities to develop a closer relationship with Nanning, the capital and gateway to the Guangxi region. This would further strengthen our relationship with Guangxi and provide opportunity for our two regions to develop stronger trade and cultural exchanges.

As a result of the Nanning Delegation there were a number of possible

opportunities to develop trade and cultural exchanges.

The areas of possible opportunity are:

**Education:**

- Teacher and student exchanges
- Chinese students studying in Hawke's Bay schools and institutes:
- Hastings Intermediate School: Years 7 and 8 (10 – 12 year old students)
- Hastings Girls High School(secondary): Years 9 to 13 (13 – 18 year old students)
- Eastern Institute of Technology (tertiary): 16 year old students upwards
- Establishing a Chinese International College in Hastings: Hastings District Council invited Nanning to consider supporting the investment in providing an international college in Hastings

**Trade:**

- Red wine: Hawke's Bay produces internationally recognised premium red wine and Mr Breen was working with Hawke's Bay growers in developing a marketing opportunity through Hong Kong. Acceptance of a proposal shortly would assist Hawke's Bay wine sales via Hong Kong.
- Air Hawke's Bay: Contact has been made with the Hong Kong Aviation School and that relationship is under development. A further visit through the Chamber of Commerce to Mainland China has made contact with the Aviation Universities. Air Hawke's Bay needs to take a more considered look at the type of training offered to better match China's requirements.
- Hastings participation at the China - ASEAN Expo scheduled for October 2013: Mr Breen advised that he would like to engage with the Nanning Administration between now and October to establish the opportunities for Hastings businesses to take part in the Expo. This may involve education, wine, tourism and food businesses.

Mr Breen would like to establish a more collaborative approach with trade development work between the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Hastings District Council and Napier City Council.

Councillor Watkins/Mr Brownrigg

**That the report of the Economic and Social Development Manager titled "Trade with China - Verbal Update " dated 11/02/2013 be received.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4. SISTER CITY AND INTERNATIONAL 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 and other international activity since the last meeting.

**International Advisory Group membership** - The Hawke's Ethnic Association (now known as the Multi Cultural Association Hawke's Bay) representative on this group was Mr Tong Too, who also represented the Chinese Association.

The new Youth Council would be meeting in February and a Youth Council representative would be invited to attend the next International Advisory Group meeting.

**Education Link Group** - Ms Paget advised that Geraldine Travers and Gill Frizzell of Hastings Girls' High School, and Andrew Shortcliffe of Hastings Intermediate had had a successful visit to Guilin and Shanghai in October 2012.

**Guilin Forum** - The Guilin Forum had met on 10 December 2012, with approximately 40 people attending.

**Gerda Leenard exhibition** - Gerda Leenard had approached the Hastings Art Gallery to ask that they show her touring exhibition, following the Blue Ribbon, based on her 2008 visit to Guilin. The meeting agreed that they would provide a letter of support for the exhibition but would require further information before committing any funding. Ms Paget would obtain further information and email the members of the Group after the meeting.

Mr Brownrigg/Councillor Henderson

**That a letter of support be sent for the Gerda Leenard Exhibition to be held at the Hastings City Art Gallery in 2014 and also request further information on the content and costs of the exhibition prior to approval of funding.**

**CARRIED**

**Guilin Cultural Exchange 2013** - A delegation to Guilin of councillors, led by the Mayor was planned for April 2013. Ms Paget advised that as the Sister City Co-ordinator it would be beneficial to her role to visit Guilin and requested funding from the Group for her travel.

Councillor Henderson/Mr Bromich

**That funding be approved for the Project Manager: Executive Office for return travel as part of the Hastings District Council Delegation visit to the Guilin Sister City in April 2013 including the cost of visas and travel insurance.**

**CARRIED**

**Sub Group** – The meeting agreed to form a sub group to discuss and make plans for the delegation visit to Hastings. Feedback from the last delegation visit should be taken into consideration, ie the delegation did not enjoy having New Zealand cuisine for the whole trip; Chinese food needs to be of a good quality.

**Osmanthus Garden** – Temporary lighting in the form of lanterns and ambient music would be installed at the Osmanthus Garden, 25 February to 3 March 2013, to coincide with the International Cultures Day activity.

Ms Paget advised that a quote had been received from the Parks Business Unit which was much higher than the 2012 price. The Group requested that another quote be obtained from a private electrical firm to compare costings.

Mr Brownrigg/Councillor Henderson

**That funding be approved to install temporary lighting and ambient music in the Osmanthus Garden, Cornwall Park, Hastings from 25 February to 3 March 2013 be approved subject to an electrical quote.**

**CARRIED**

Mr Bromich requested his vote AGAINST this Motion be recorded.

Councillor Henderson/Mr Brownrigg

- A) That the report of the Project Manager: Executive Office titled “Sister City and International Activity Report” dated 11/02/2013 be received.**
- B) That the group form a sub group to discuss and plan the 2013 cultural exchange with Guilin.**
- C) That funding be approved for the Project Manager: Executive Office for return travel as part of the Hastings District Council Delegation visit to the Guilin Sister City in April 2013 including the cost of visas and travel insurance.**
- D) That a letter of support be sent for the Gerda Leenard Exhibition to be held at the Hastings City Art Gallery in 2014 and also request further information on the content and costs of the exhibition prior to approval of funding.**
- E) That funding be approved to install temporary lighting and ambient music in the Osmanthus Garden, Cornwall Park, Hastings from 25 February to 3 March 2013 be approved subject to an electrical quote.**
- F) That quotes be obtained for the erection of the lighting in the Osmanthus Garden.**

**CARRIED**

**5. INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP ACCOUNT BALANCE TO END JANUARY 2013**

The Project Manager: Executive Office advised that the purpose of this report was to update the Advisory Group on the balance of accounts to the end of January 2013.

Mr Too/Councillor Henderson

**That the report of the Project Manager: Executive Office titled “International Advisory Group Account Balance to end January 2013” dated 11/02/2013 be received.**

**CARRIED**

**CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

**India** – Mr Too advised that Indians in the Multi Cultural Association were very supportive of the Hastings District Council and would like to look forward to trade with India. Ms Paget advised that with the implementation of an International Advisory Group it would enable contacts to be made anywhere round the globe.

**International Cultures Day** – The Multi Cultural Association and New Zealand China Friendship Society were jointly organising the International Cultures Day. A request for additional rubbish bins on the day was made.

The meeting agreed that for the Air New Zealand Award next year should be on how the International Cultures Day has grown and developed for the Sister City relationship. The NZCFS would submit the application.

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The meeting closed at 3.25pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: