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## **OPEN MINUTES**

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## **INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP**

Meeting Date: **Monday, 9 November 2015**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the International Advisory Group held on  
Monday, 9 November 2015 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, 9 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 3.30PM

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**PRESENT:** **Chair:** Councillor Watkins  
Councillors Dixon and Pierce  
Mr H Lade (NZ China Friendship Society); Mrs J Too  
(Hawke's Bay Chinese Association) and Mrs Rizwaana  
Latiff (Multicultural Association), Mrs S Padfield (Education  
Link Group)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Economic Development Project Manager (Mr L Neville)  
Committee Secretary (Mrs C Hilton)

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Dixon

**That apologies for absence from Mayor Yule and Mr Daya Dayatilake be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

#### 2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

With the agreement of the Advisory Group, Item 3 was addressed out of order at the end of the meeting.

#### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD 29 JUNE 2015

(Documents 15/1240 and CG-13-10-00032)

Councillor Dixon/Mrs Too

**That the minutes of the International Advisory Group meeting held on 29 June 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

With the agreement of the Advisory Group, Items 7 and 6 were addressed out of order.

## 7. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY WITH CHINA

(Document 15/1217)

Mr Neville, Council's Economic Development Project Manager, spoke to his agenda report and gave a broad overview of economic activity between Hawke's Bay and China over the past four months.

He highlighted the main points in each section of the report and expanded on his comments, particularly in regard to the New Zealand Miracle Water Plant. There were a number of points to highlight in regard to this project, including:

- The water was primarily being sold to China to be mixed with New Zealand baby formula.
- The amount of water involved was 0.6 of 1% of the total consents that were granted by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council for water take.
- The water being sold was flowing through existing bores that had been established for industrial use and were no longer being used.
- Currently that water was simply flowing out through the bores and into the Karamu Stream and not being used at all.
- This was a 50:50 partnership and would generate monies into the Hawke's Bay economy.

Councillor Pierce/Mrs Padfield

**That the report of the Economic Development Project Manager titled "Commercial Activity with China" and dated 9 November 2015 be received.**

**CARRIED**

## 6. REPORTS FROM MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

(Documents 15/1215, CG-13-10-00029 and CG-13-10-00033)

Heiko Lade presented his circulated written report, on behalf of the New Zealand China Friendship Society (NZCFS). He advised that the main focus of the Society was still raising funds to send the Hawke's Bay Youth Orchestra on a visit to Guilin in April 2016. It was planned to send 30 students and up to 10 adults.

As part of discussion on fund raising, the meeting advised that the NZCFS could forward an application for funding assistance to the International Advisory Group, c/- the Chairman, Councillor Watkins. This application would then be considered.

It was noted that it would not be appropriate to make an application via the Community Grants process, as the application closing date would not be before the time of the trip.

Jenny Too presented her circulated written report, on behalf of the Hawke's Bay Chinese Association. She highlighted the various events that had taken place, including:

- the three Chinese children who had been on the float in the Hastings Blossom Festival parade;
- two books had been launched, that were commissioned and published by the national body of the Chinese Association:
  - "Turning Jade into Stone" the story of 80 years of History of the founding of the NZ Chinese Association. This had been released in time for that

anniversary.

- “Chinese Anzacs” – this was the New Zealand edition of the book of “Australians of Chinese Descent in the Defence Forces 1885-1919. The national book launch would take place in 2016.

Sue Padfield gave an oral report, on behalf of the Education Link Group. She advised that:

- two students from Guilin had been staying in Hawke’s Bay.
- The Principal of Havelock North High School met up with Nesta Lade, and her mother, on their trip to China (refer Agenda Item 5).
- Girl’s High School had applied for a grant to help the two students who had home-stayed the Guilin students, to go to Guilin themselves. Sue will follow up on these applications.

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Dixon

**That the written update reports on behalf of the New Zealand China Friendship Society and the Hawke’s Bay Chinese Association and the oral update report on behalf of the Education Link Group be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **5. THE AMAZING CHINA FACE RACE 2015**

(Documents 15/1216 and CG-13-10-00034)

A large promotional photograph of Li Sha, for “The Amazing China Face Race”, was displayed.

The Chairman, Councillor Watkins, presented his agenda report and backgrounded and expanded on the various stages that had taken place in regard to “The Amazing China Face Race 2015”. He also outlined some of the activities that the “Face of China”, Li Sha, had undertaken during her visit as an ambassador for her city and for China.

This competition had been a huge organisational undertaking and had been very time consuming. Sponsorship of approximately \$20K was needed but it was a great opportunity for the Advisory Group to work with local schools and the community. Some discussion took place regarding whether this would be done again and some alternative competitions/approaches were considered. It would be important to keep some momentum going, if possible, between each competition.

The Chairman then gave a power point presentation (CG-13-10-00037) titled “2008 Beichuan City”. He also displayed and spoke briefly to 13 short video clips, some of which had been shown on China television and formed part of the promotion that Hastings received as part of The Amazing China Face Race competition – *these video clips were not saved into the Council’s records system*).

Nesta Lade had won “The Amazing China Face Race” competition. A copy of a written report (CG-13-10-00038) from Nesta and copies of some photographs (CG-13-10-00039) of her trip to China were circulated at the meeting and addressed.

Mrs Too/Mr Lade

- A) That the report from the Chairman of the International Advisory Group, titled “The Amazing China Face Race 2015” be received.
- B) That Councillor Watkins be congratulated on his work in initiating, organising and bringing to fruition a successful competition which has had immeasurable benefit for the promotion of the City of Hastings in China.
- C) That Councillor Dixon also be thanked for the role that he played in supporting the Chairman in the organisation of this competition.

**CARRIED**

### 3. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Several other short oral updates were given on activities of other members of the Advisory Group.

The Multicultural Association had recently held its AGM and had elected a new Committee.

A date needed to be set for the Guilin Forum in mid-December - *this has since been set for Tuesday, 15 December 2015 starting at 4.30pm – 6.30pm.*

The Diwali Festival, being organised by the Indian Association, would be held at the Sound Shell in Napier on 21 November 2015.

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The meeting closed at 4.49pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: