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OPEN AGENDA

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Meeting Date: **Monday, 22 July 2019**

Time: **3.00pm**

Venue: **Landmarks Room
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Members	Chair: Councillor Travers <i>Ex Officio:</i> Mayor Hazlehurst Councillors Dixon and Watkins Mr R Roben (NZ China Friendship Society); Mrs Rizwaana Latiff (Hawke's Bay Multicultural Association); Mrs J Too (Hawke's Bay Chinese Association); Charliot Miller (Youth Council Representative); and Mrs S Padfield (Education Link Group) <i>(Quorum=5 including 2 Councillors)</i>
Officer Responsible:	Economic Development Manager (Mr L Neville)
Secretary	Christine Hilton (Ext 5633)

International Advisory Group Delegations

Fields of Activity

The Hastings District International Advisory Group is established to advise the Council on the development of education, scientific research, migration and cultural relationships with cities within China and the rest of the world, and develop relationships with ethnic communities in Hawke's Bay through the knowledge and experience gained from our Sister City relationship with Guilin.

Membership (10)

- Chairman – a Councillor appointed by the Council
- Hastings District Mayor
- 2 other Councillor members appointed by the Council
- 1 representative of the Hawke's Bay Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society
- 1 representative of the Hawke's Bay Chinese Association
- 2 representatives of the Multicultural Association Hawke's Bay
- 1 representative of the Education Link Group
- 1 representative of the Hastings District Youth Council
- Up to 2 other members may be co-opted at any time

Quorum – 5 members including not less than two Councillor members.

Delegated Powers

1. To promote and oversee sister city activity between Guilin and Hastings District such as delegation visits and cultural exchanges.
2. To support the development of relationships between Hastings District or Hawke's Bay based educational establishments with those in China and the rest of the world.
3. To report its work and progress to the Social Development and Culture Committee.

Meetings

Meetings will be held a minimum of 3 times a year. These are to be advertised as public meetings, and will be fully serviced by Democratic Support.

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies

An apology for absence from Mrs Padfield has been received.

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

2. Conflict of Interest

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have.

3. Consideration of General Business Items

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OPEN MINUTES

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 14 May 2019

**Minutes of a Meeting of the International Advisory Group held on
Tuesday, 14 May 2019 at 3.15pm**

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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
TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2019 AT 3.15PM**

PRESENT: **Chair:** Councillor Travers
Mayor Hazlehurst
Councillors Dixon and Watkins
Mr R Roben (NZ China Friendship Society); Mrs J Too
(Hawke's Bay Chinese Association); Mrs Rizwaana Latiff
(Hawke's Bay Multicultural Association), Mrs S Padfield
(Education Link Group) and Charliot Miller (Youth Council
Representative)

IN ATTENDANCE: Economic Development Manager (Mr L Neville)
Learning Hawke's Bay (Ms W Yang)
Business Support Officer (Mrs A Murdoch)

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Dixon/Mrs Padfield

That an apology for absence from Charolotte van Asch and an apology for lateness from Lee Neville be accepted.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Watkins declared a conflict of interest in regard to Item 5, Osmanthus Garden Lantern Festival Report and Public Excluded Item 9, The Amazing China Hastings Year of Tourism.

Item 3 Consideration of Business was addressed later in the meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Councillor Watkins/Mrs Too

That the minutes of the International Advisory Group held Wednesday 12 September 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be adopted.

CARRIED

5. OSMANTHUS GARDEN LANTERN FESTIVAL REPORT

(Document 19/495)

Councillor Watkins had earlier declared a potential conflict of interest in regard to

this item being the organiser of the festival. He responded to questions, but took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

Mayor Hazlehurst congratulated and thanked Councillor Watkins for his work with the lantern festival, which was very much on the events calendar for Hastings. It was noted that the event had grown in size, attendance by the local community was increasing and there were plans to expand further in the future. Councillor Watkins thanked the Parks Team for their help in putting the lanterns in place.

There had been a diverse range of cultures who attended this year, with good feedback being received by the HB Multicultural Association. It was suggested that an area be designated at the back of the gardens so that people could enjoy a picnic tea.

Councillor Dixon/Ms R Latiff

- A) That the report of the Democratic Support Manager titled "Osmanthus Garden Lantern Festival Report" dated 14/05/2019 be received.**
- B) That \$9,000 be allocated from the 2019/20 International Advisory Group's budget to support the 2020 Lantern Festival.**

The Motion was addressed by a hand vote and was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Lee Neville arrived at the meeting at 3.25pm

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR EDUCATION LINK

(Document 19/497)

Ms Padfield spoke to the report which was taken as read. It was noted that a budget may be required for the purchase of school uniforms for exchange students.

Mrs Padfield/Mrs Too

- A) That the report of the Democratic Support Manager titled "Report From the Chair Education Link" dated 14/05/2019 be received.**

CARRIED

7. PROMOTING HASTINGS TO THE THAILAND EDUCATION MARKET

(Document 19/499)

Learning Hawke's Bay, Wenhua Yang advised that funding of \$5,000 - \$6,000 was required from Hawke's Bay Councils to promote Hastings to the Thailand education market.

It was noted that schools required the infrastructure to support international students. The higher the numbers of students attending the more infrastructure that was required. The local school rolls were already full and there was no room for expansion to accommodate international students.

Councillors would like to see where the funding was being used and that Napier City Council would give an equal share to the programme as most students were based in Napier. Information was requested on the number of International

students in Hawke's Bay and in which schools they were placed.

Hastings District Council currently provides administration support to Learning Hawke's Bay and the Hawke's Bay Multicultural Association has been voluntarily working with them.

Councillor Dixon/Mayor Hazlehurst

- A) That the report of the Economic Development Manager titled "Promoting Hastings to the Thailand Education Market" dated 14/05/2019 be received.**
- B) That the request for financial support not be granted at this stage and that Wenhua Yang of Learning Hawke's Bay provide further statistics on the number of International students in the district and a budget plan.**

CARRIED

Wenhua Yang left the meeting at 4.06pm

8. RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEM 9

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Mrs Too/Councillor Dixon

THAT the public now be excluded from the following parts of the meeting, namely;

9 The Amazing China Hastings Year of Tourism

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this Resolution in relation to the matter and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this Resolution is as follows:

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CARRIED

3. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

- **International Advisory Group Membership**

New Zealand China Friendship Society – Mr Rion Roben will be replacing Mr H Lade.

Hawke's Bay Multicultural Association – Layeequlla Baig will no longer be attending.

Youth Council Representative for 2019 is Charliot Miller of Havelock North High School.

- **HB Chinese Association Update**

Mrs Too advised there had been a leadership change in the Association, Raymond Ching is the current Branch President. Mrs Too is still on the committee and will continue to be HBCA representative on Hastings District Council's IAG and Multicultural Strategy matters. HBCA is continually involved in helping people in the community e.g. organising senior lunches, visiting rest homes and will be attending the NZCA National Conference in June. Assistance was recently given to the Chinese Embassy with the formalities of a funeral for an overseas Chinese who had been residing in the district.

- **HB Cultural Association Update**

Ms Latiff advised that the Association has been working with Council on the Multicultural Diversity Strategy Plan. The Strategy and an Action Plan was expected to be signed off by Council in October or November.

Economic Development Manager, Lee Neville will assist the Association with a report to the Group's July meeting requesting financial assistance for the Asians in the Bay Awards.

There has been no Settlement Forum Support Group in Hawke's Bay since 2014. Support and guidance was needed for newcomers in the district and was currently being undertaken by volunteers. The Association would like to develop a plan to gain funding for a co-ordinator to be employed in the district. Currently there is a memorandum of understanding with the Citizens Advice Bureau who assist with support for immigrants. Assistance could also be given to the RSE orchard workers.

Next Meeting is being scheduled for 2 July 2019

The meeting closed at 4.55pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT TO: INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING DATE: MONDAY 22 JULY 2019

FROM: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
LEE NEVILLE

SUBJECT: ASIANS IN THE BAY AWARDS 2019

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain a decision from the Committee on the sponsorship funding of the Asians in the Bay Awards 2019.
- 1.2 This request arises from a request from the Multicultural Association Hawke's Bay for sponsorship for this year's Asian in the Bay Awards.

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

- 1.3 This report concludes by recommending the Hastings District Council fund this year's Asians in the Bay Awards to the value of \$3,000.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Hastings District Council has sponsored the Asians in the Bay Awards previously. This is to recognise the contribution that the Asian community makes to the Hawke's Bay economy and society.

3.0 CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The Multicultural Association Hawke's Bay have requested Hastings District Council to support the Asians in the Bay Awards 2019 by providing \$3,000 of funding for the awards. The Hastings District Council logo will be on advertising, print materials, tickets and the programme on awards night.
- 3.2 The Asians in the Bay Awards promote the unity, cooperation and cultural excellence within the Asian business and professional communities.
- 3.3 Hawke's Bay is a rich and diverse cultural mix consisting of many nationalities of which Asians make up a large percentage and the community particularly continues to grow. Their presence and contribution is significant across all sectors.
- 3.4 The inaugural awards evening was organised by the Multicultural Association of Hawke's Bay in 2012. It is a platform to showcase the significant contribution and value the Asian community makes to the enrichment of the general community of Hawke's Bay across all sectors of business and trade, education, horticulture, health and youth enterprise.

- 3.5 The awards have experienced growth and gained momentum over the years from a humble attendance of 60 people in 2012 to a record attendance number of about 200 people last year. It is now a significant event in the Hawke's Bay calendar and perhaps one of the few events that both Hastings and Napier Mayors attend together.
- 3.6 The Awards have drawn high calibre applicants over the years. Categories include Tertiary and secondary Students, Practising Professional, Best Restaurant, Best Business and Best Community. The previous winners include Professor Ram Roy (EIT), Thahira Syed Jalal (Senior Engineer Unison) and Abigail Masengi who went on to represent New Zealand in the Asia Youth International Model United Nations and also won a \$20,000 scholarship to Auckland university.
- 3.7 Entries for this year's awards are open and this year the awards will be held [on Monday 5th August, 2019 at 6.00pm](#) at the Napier Conference Centre. Tickets for the event can be purchased from Asian Grocery in Hastings and Honki Long in Napier.
- 3.8 Judging is carried out by an independent panel from the wider members of the community. The key note speaker for this year is the long standing Mayor of Gisborne and the new Race Relations Commissioner Meng Foon.
- 3.9 The Multicultural Association of Hawke's Bay acknowledges the continue support of the awards sponsors Hastings District Council, Napier City Council, Eastern Institute Of Technology (EIT), Tong Too Family Trust and COGS.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is sufficient funding to support this application for funding support for the Asians in the Bay Awards 2019.

5.0 PREFERRED OPTION/S AND REASONS

- 5.1 The funding for the Asians in the Bay Awards 2019 is funded to the value of \$3,000.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS

- A) That the report of the Economic Development Manager titled "Asians in the Bay Awards 2019" dated 22/07/2019 be received.**
- B) That the Hastings District Council fund the 2019 Asians in the Bay Awards to the value of \$3,000.**

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to meeting the current and future needs of communities in building International relationships

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

REPORT TO: INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING DATE: MONDAY 22 JULY 2019
FROM: COMMITTEE SECRETARY
CHRISTINE HILTON
SUBJECT: COUNCILLOR KEVIN WATKINS - REPORT ON CHINA
VISIT JUNE 2019

1.0 INTRODUCTION

A report from Councillor Kevin Watkins relating to the visit to China in June 2019 is attached with a recommendation that it be received.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report of Councillor Kevin Watkins titled “Report on China Visit June 2019” be received.

Attachments:

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| 1 | Report to International Advisory Group on China visit June 2019 - Cr Kevin Watkins | CG-01-6-19-658 |
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Report to IAG on China visit June 2019.

This report has been prepared by Councillor Kevin Watkins.

I arrived in Shanghai on Saturday morning, June 8th.

Sunday morning June 9th, I attended the Episcopal Methodist Church for morning service. A large congregation filling both upstairs and downstairs and five breakout rooms with closed circuit TV. The singing was so inspiring, I returned for the afternoon service.

Monday morning June 10th a four hour fast train journey to Jinan City, capital of Shandong Province. Afternoon meeting and dinner with members of The Foreign Affairs Office of the People's Government of Shandong Province, led by Zhang Peng, Director of American & Oceanian Affairs Division. Jinan will be hosting an International Sisters Cities Conference in October this year, four days after our Local Body elections. I have received a personal invite to attend with our Mayor.

Tuesday morning June 11th, fast train journey to our friendship city, Dezhou, a relationship we have badly neglected. Welcomed at the train station by members of Dezhou FAO and madam Li Jing. They were so delighted someone from Hastings had come to see them, more than six years since Mayor Lawrence last visited there. A very useful meeting which restored our standing, and they are very keen to engage and build a stronger relationship with us. Dezhou is a beautiful modern city, fantastic infrastructure, and beautiful modern hotels.

Wednesday 12th lunchtime on the fast train to Beijing. Beijing railway station is huge, fast trains arriving and departing every minute, tens of thousands of people. Late in the afternoon arrived at the Hotel in WangFu Jing Street, central Beijing CBD.

Thursday 13th my first visit to the new NZ Embassy, meeting staff and looking at all the necessary "check lists"..... there was still a mountain of preparation required from the Beijing end.

Friday 14th, Lee Neville and Lesley Chu arrived early morning. Again to the Embassy, trying to confirm numbers who would attend the Opening ceremony on Tuesday 18th, food and drink requirements, big banners being printed in Beijing, photographic pull ups, sponsors goods, Aritaki Honey (60 packages of Manuka Honey), Rockit Apples (60 tubes of apples), Paritua Wines, (5 cases of premium wine) and the wax wraps. We left the Embassy on Friday with a long list of "To be done by Monday evening" chores.

Saturday 15th, a relaxing day walking around some of the more famous historic attractions in the city, and doing work.

Sunday 16th, another work day.

Monday 17th, a frantic day, phone calls, webchats, emails getting all those last minute things together. We worked till late that night.

Tuesday 18th, our project launch day, we were up at 4am, checking and rechecking, and arrived at the Embassy at 10am. All our pre ordered equipment was arriving at the same time, and we all pitched in with Embassy staff ensuring everything was in place and ready to go for the opening at 3.00pm.

At 1pm I did a TV interview with Beijing based Hainan Television, at 2pm a press conference with eight reporters from different news publications.

Invited guests, all 75 of them, from many parts of China arrived on time and were greeted and welcomed into our new Embassy. I must pay special tribute to Lucy Cargill, a new NZ employee at the Embassy. Lucy was marvellous along with Lesley and Lee, working non-stop and making sure everything was perfect. Our guests included Mayors, FAO officials, CPAFFC officials, Media, representatives from our project participating regions, sponsors, and old friends of Hastings.

Deputy Head of Missions, Mr David Hope, opened the ceremony, praising Hastings long history of China relations and the initiative projects we have provided since 2006.

I followed, introducing our team, and taking those present on a journey from 1981 through to this day and the Amazing China Hastings Year of Tourism project. I introduced my four previous projects, 2006, 2008, 2015, 2018 and our guests were delighted to be introduced to Jody, a Guilin participant in the 2006 Ultimate Challenge Competition, and Li Sha, the FACE from the 2015 Amazing China Face race. Perhaps the most moving moments came when we introduced the mother, father and grandma of last year's Amazing China Face Race "FACE" Li Ja Zhentong. Both mum and dad were born totally deaf and cannot speak. We covered the costs to bring Jody, Li Sha and the parents and grandma to the opening ceremony. That was very well received by everyone there.

At the end of the ceremony the ribbon was cut, completing the official formalities, and then an hour of photos and question, answer session and meeting new friends.

At 5pm, we were chaffered by the mayor and Government officials from Chengde City to a grand banquet, a fitting end to a long but wonderful day. We were more than pleased to reach our hotel at 11pm and engage with other guests waiting for us. It had been a hugely successful day, and the Embassy staff were delighted with all the prep we had put into the occasion and how smoothly everything ran. This was only their second function in the new Embassy.

Wednesday 19th, morning up at 5.30am, back to the Embassy at 6am, helping with final pack up, and then to Beijing capital airport for a four hour flight to Nanning, capital city of Guangxi Province. We were met there by our major sponsors of the 2015 and 2018

Amazing China Face Race projects, and also sponsors of this year's project. A boardroom meeting with the Director and staff, a dinner, and in bed before 10pm.

Thursday 20th, morning on the fast train to Guilin, a 2 hour 40 minute journey. An afternoon meeting with He Xin, then evening meeting with the Director of FAO, Moon Song, to discuss 40th anniversary in 2021, and a boat trip on the city four lakes, two rivers water way which allows one to see a different perspective of the city and some of its outstanding cultural heritage.

Friday 21st, morning a visit to the new Guilin City of Lingui, home of all Government departments and the magnificent new Museum and cultural centre and then a visit to Guangxi Institute of Botany at Yanshan. We were warmly welcomed there and had a meeting with the Institute Directors and old Hastings friends.

Saturday 22nd, morning fast train to Chongqing city, 6hours 45 minutes. Our train ride had been preceded by severe earthquakes and very heavy rainfall. On arrival at Chongqing we were met by Government car and driven three hours at 160kph to Zigong city, our destination for the evening.

Zigong is an impressive city, seemingly hundreds of miles from anywhere. Zigong is the home of Chinese lantern making from ancient times. On arrival we were given fifteen minutes to freshen up and the Mayor, Political leaders and leading lantern making people were waiting to welcome us. The introduction to Zigong and top officials was arranged by Mr Lin and Mr Grant Li, (based both in Beijing and Auckland) both of whom have been impressed by our small but colourful lantern festival. They are planning the first Asian Pacific Wine festival to be held in Hastings District in April 2020, and our lantern festival will coincide with that event. After very positive discussions, we visited lantern Museum in Zigong and two factories. At a formal function the following morning I signed a memo of understanding with Zigong which will see them bring a variety of beautiful lanterns to Hastings next April to add to our festival. This is a very exciting development and will put Hastings in the spotlight at festival time.

Sunday 23rd, a two hour fast drive to Chengdu City where we drove past the world's biggest building by volume, you can fit 20 Sydney Opera Houses inside it. Arriving at Chengdu airport, we boarded our flight back to Shanghai, another four hours.

It is true to say by this stage we were exhausted, the meeting schedule and travel schedule were intense and we all went down with flu/cold. Next stop on the plane back to NZ and always lovely to see the green, green, grass of home.

Our trip was a great success, the Amazing China Hastings Year of Tourism launch exceeded our expectations, the very happy relationship we have with the NZ Embassy in BJ, the CPAFFC in Beijing, and other Government and media agencies. We have established good

relationships with our friendship and sister cities. The Zigong commitment to Hastings I am sure is going to be greatly appreciated by the public next year.

In conclusion, I wish to pay the highest tribute to the work and assistance to this trip and project given by Mr Lee Neville and Mrs Leslie Chu. They worked long hours, often in temperatures approaching 40^oc. It was a fantastic team effort by a very committed team. Lesley Chu's work was invaluable, day and night, often working into the wee small hours.

Thankyou Lee and Lesley for all your hard work and wonderful support.

Now our project moves forward, the next step being the packing and sending of our treasure chests to all the participating partners in China. We expect these will be on their way by middle of August.

You will notice the big display board in the Council foyer, this is one of two we used at the NZ Embassy in Beijing during the launch.

We will keep IAG updated as the project moves forward.

Cr Kevin Watkins

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL
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MONDAY, 22 JULY 2019

RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

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