

Methven Community Board

27 January 2025



Methven Community Board – 27/01/2025

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 27 January 2025, commencing at 9.00 am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board Room, 160 Main Street, Methven.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown, Kelvin Holmes (Chair), Megan Fitzgerald, Allan Lock, Richie Owen, Robin Jenkinson; Crs Rob Mackle and Liz McMillan.

In attendance

Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Tania Paddock (Acting GM Business Support), Bert Hofmans (Open Spaces Planner), Renee Julius (Property Manager), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager), Shelley Donnelly (District Promotions Lead), Linda Clarke (Communications Advisor) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Nil

2 Extraordinary Business

That pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be introduced as extraordinary business, to be taken as Item 5.2:

- Discretionary Fund – Mt Hutt Bike Park application (circulated via email)

McMillan/Owen

Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 2 December 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Fitzgerald/Lock

Carried

Matters arising

- Open Spaces – the concept plan is to be reviewed by the Birdsong Group and not the Methven Lions as stated in the minutes.

5 Discretionary Grant Request

5.1 Methven Lighting Group

The recommendation in the report had a requested value of \$7,000. It was agreed that this should be increased to \$8,050 to include the gst component of the quote.

That Methven Community Board allocates \$8,050 from its discretionary fund to the Methven Lighting Group to develop a Methven Lighting Plan.

Fitzgerald/Lock

Carried

5.2 Extraordinary Business - Mt Hutt Bike Park discretionary grant request

That Methven Community Board allocates \$3,000 from its discretionary fund to the Mt Hutt Bike Park to engage a professional photographer and videographer for the upcoming South Island Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Championships 2025, on the condition that photographs and video footage of the Methven township is included, with copyright of these specific images being granted to Experience Mid Canterbury (via Ashburton District Council).

Lock/Jenkinson

Carried

Cr Mackle recorded his vote against the motion

6 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

McMillan/Fitzgerald

Carried

6.1 Infrastructure & Open Spaces

- **Roading**

Methven Chertsey Road drainage states no action required. The Board noted that there were still flooding issues in this area and would like the issue revisited.

6.2 Democracy & Engagement

- **Methven Community Strategic Plan**

A meeting date for the week of 24/28 February has been proposed for a workshop on the draft strategic plan, these dates do not suit all of the Board members and it was requested that the possibility of scheduling the meeting a week earlier be looked into.

Business transacted with the public excluded - 10.12 am

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each 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 are as follows:

Item No	General subject of each matter to be considered:	In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:	
7	Economic Development	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
8	Methven & Foothills Birdsong Initiative Trust	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Owen/Lock

Carried

The meeting concluded at 11.36am.

[Confirmed by the Board on 10 March 2025]

Chairman