

Methven Community Board

9 September 2024



Methven Community Board – 9/09/2024

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 9 September 2024, 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, Liz McMillan, and Robin Jenkinson.

In attendance

Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Lou Dunstan (Policy Advisor), Renee Julius (Property Manager), Linda Clarke (Communications Advisor) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Cr Rob Mackle

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

The Board will receive an update from Richie Owen following his attendance at the LGNZ Community Board Conference.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Noted that KidzMethven skatepark funding is not vested in Council.

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 29 July 2024, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

Lock/Jenkinson

Carried

5 Discretionary Grant Request – Cancer Society

That the matter be uplifted for discussion.

McMillan/Owen

Carried

The Board noted that funding is not for a specific project in Methven.

That Methven Community Board declines the request for \$4,000 from its discretionary grant to the Cancer Society for health navigation services in Methven.

Owen/McMillan

Carried

6 Discretionary Grant Request – Methven Rugby Football Club

That the Methven Community Board allocates \$8,000 from its discretionary grant to the Methven Rugby Football Club for the women’s changing room project.

Holmes/Fitzgerald

Carried

7 Discretionary Grant Request – Island Ferry: Mystery of the Rakaia Gorge (book publication)

That Methven Community Board declines the request for \$2,500 from its discretionary grant to publish the “Island Ferry: Mystery of the Rakaia Gorge” book.

Owen/Fitzgerald

Carried

8 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

Jenkinson/Lock

Carried

8.1 Infrastructure & Open Spaces

- **Methven Mall mobility access**

The Board Chair will liaise with the Roading Manager to identify an appropriate space to designate as a mobility park. It was agreed that the suggested end park may not be viable.

- **SH77 trees removed**

Board members were pleased to see that trees encroaching into the carriageway have been removed. The Mayor advised that Council plans to discuss tree maintenance in a workshop to develop a better understanding of Open Spaces’ retention and removal process. Board members will be further advised and invited to attend.

- **Garden of Harmony**

The Chair will circulate a draft concept plan and project brief to Board members.

- **Methven lighting**

Costings are being confirmed to install amenity lighting in the town square. Of the estimated \$20k, the Board will consider contributing \$5k, with the balance to be met from the Open Spaces budget. The Chair is proposing that a public meeting be held and business owners invited to get their buy-in to light up their premises.

- **Methven cemetery**

Officers will be asked to look at an area in need of re-grassing and smoothing out after damage caused by truck movements.

- **Dog park**

The Chair will speak with the Open Spaces Manager about planting more natives in the dog park area. The Board agreed that there should be some consistency between the park and Birdsong Initiative plantings.

Open Spaces will also be asked to mow the area where the 60km speed sign has been placed at the northern approach to the town. Clarification was sought on whether the Camrose developers are required to put a footpath alongside the road and this will be referred to Planning for response.

- **Recycling depot**

Officers were asked to look at moving the signage closer to the site entrance. It was noted that a number of people appear to be missing the message resulting in unwanted dumping and contaminated bins.

8.2 Democracy & Engagement

- **Local Water Done Well**

The Mayor provided a brief update, noting that Canterbury councils are in discussions and looking at options for their water services delivery plans.

- **Stockwater exit**

The Mayor explained that the Stockwater Transition Working Group is the core group to monitor the stockwater exit, but representatives from specific areas will be invited to attend meetings when required. The Board was reminded that Council is exiting water race management but not closing all races.

- **Methven Community Strategic Plan**

Presentation and discussion later in the meeting.

8.3 Business Support

- **Finance**

The Board's discretionary funding balance will be the subject of a carry-over request, to be considered by Council in October.

Extraordinary Business

– LGNZ conference

Richie Owen thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Conference in Wellington, and commented positively on the experience and value gained from meeting with other delegates.

– National Land Transport Plan

The Mayor took the opportunity to advise the Board that the second Ashburton Bridge has been retained in the NLTP, with a FAR (NZTA) contribution of 51%. Council has advised the Minister that the remaining 49% is unaffordable for the district, and there will be further discussions about funding this project.

Application for a fast track consent has been lodged. Detailed design is to be completed and then construction will be tendered.

The Board also heard that the NLTP hasn't included the funding anticipated for low cost / low risk work. Council is yet to consider the implications of this, after budgeting \$10m for this work.

Methven Community Strategic Plan

Powerpoint presentation (copy to be emailed to Board members)

The Board supported the proposed timeline and agreed to give further consideration to a number of factors, including whether –

- the area covered by the Plan will be wider than just the Community Board area
- the scope of the Plan should be Council projects, community projects – or more
- the timeframe of the Plan should be 3, 5 or 10 years
- the Plan will be Community Board driven (in conjunction with Council), and/or include other community leaders
- funding of \$20k will be used in-house, or include external engagement

The Board agreed that previous Community Plans (2009 and 2014) will be referred to. The Board will have informal discussion and provide officers with a direction, noting that the intention is to have a Community Plan adopted before the 2025 triennial elections.

Business transacted with the public excluded - 10.38am

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	Extraordinary business - Lease agreement	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Owen/Jenkinson

Carried

The meeting concluded at 11.18am.

Confirmed 21 October 2024



Chairman