

Methven Community Board – 2/12/24

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 2 December 2024, commencing at 9.00 am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board Room, 160 Main Street, Methven.

Present

Kelvin Holmes (Chair), Megan Fitzgerald, Allan Lock, Richie Owen, Robin Jenkinson and Cr Liz McMillan.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Linda Clarke (Communications Advisor) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Mayor Neil Brown and Cr Rob Mackle

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 6 – Cr McMillan will withdraw from the debate and decision

Items 5 & 7 – Megan Fitzgerald will withdraw from the debate and decision

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 21 October 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Jenkinson/Owen

Carried

Matters arising

- Arts & Growers market funding – the MCB logo will be provided to the applicant.
- Roadside maintenance – the approach to the town near the relocated speed sign is to be sprayed. Officers have been asked for an update on this work, to be reported back to the Board.

5 Discretionary Grant Request – Methven Toy Library

Megan withdrew for this item.

That Methven Community Board allocates \$737 from its discretionary fund to the Methven Toy Library to upgrade toy shelving.

McMillan/Lock

Carried

6 Discretionary Grant Request – Methven & Foothills Walking Festival Funding

Liz withdrew for this item.

That the Methven Community Board allocates \$1,000 from its discretionary fund to the Methven and Foothills Walking Festival for the 2025 event.

Holmes/Fitzgerald

Carried

7 Discretionary Grant Request – Mt Hutt Memorial Hall

Megan withdrew for this item.

The Board supported funding the full amount required for the painting work.

That Methven Community Board allocates \$1,807.80 from its discretionary fund to the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board for the interior painting.

McMillan/Holmes

Carried

8 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

Owen/Jenkinson

Carried

8.1 Infrastructure & Open Spaces

• **Roading**

It was noted that the Spaxton St reseal work has been completed. Board members reported an issue with water drainage around this area and suggested a soak hole may be needed.

Roading signage – the Board asked for a “No Exit” sign to be installed at the entry to the resource recovery park on Methven Chertsey Road.

• **Open Spaces**

Garden of Harmony – the draft landscape concept plan has been prepared and will be reviewed by the Bird song Group. The Board would like the opportunity to see the plan and any community feedback ahead of Council’s review and decision. Potentially, a report may be included in the January MCB agenda with a recommendation to Council in February.

• **Cemetery**

Damage being caused by rabbits will require further discussion. The Board acknowledged this is an issue around the wider town and district.

• **Solid Waste**

The Board has asked for a progress report on the compactor which is programmed in the Long-term Plan. It was noted that the Ashburton compactor will be relocated to Methven when suitable land is identified. An update on the timeline for this project will be reported back to the Board.

8.2 Democracy & Engagement

• **Strategic Plan**

The Chair commented positively on the community participation and engagement at the two recent Strategic Planning forums in Methven. Yesterday’s meeting concluded the direct consultation.

• **Stockwater exit**

It was agreed that having a Community Board stance will be important. The Board will be included in the consultation process.

Megan and Allan will attend the Mt Harding catchment meeting tomorrow on behalf of the Board. This meeting is facilitated by ECan.

8.4 Business Support

- **Finance report**

It was noted there's a \$2,100 overspend showing in the grants budget. Officers will check and provide an explanation.

The meeting concluded at 9.55am.

Confirmed 27 January 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A.H. Holmes', is written above a horizontal line.

Chairman