

Methven Community Board – 22/04/2024

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 22 April 2024, commencing at 9.00 am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board Room, 160 Main Street, Methven.

Present

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

In attendance

Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Leanne Macdonald (GM Business Support), Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager, Linda Clarke (Communications Advisor), Michelle Hydes (Property Officer) and Mary Jenkin (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan and Cr Rob Mackle Sustained

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 with the public excluded:

- Lease agreement Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
Holmes/Fitzgerald Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 11 March 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

Jenkinson/Lock Carried

5 Discretionary Grant Request – Mt Hutt College Centennial Project

That the Board uplifts the discretionary grant request – Mt Hutt College Centennial project, for discussion.

Holmes/Lock Carried

That the Methven Community Board declines the Mt Hutt College Centennial project funding application.

Holmes/Lock Carried

Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

Owen/Fitzgerald

Carried

6.1 Democracy & Engagement

- **Long-Term Plan 2024-34 Consultation**

On behalf of the Board, the Chair commented positively on the Methven community's involvement in the LTP consultation and the way in which the process has been executed.

- **Representation Review**

The Mayor reported that Council will look at a preliminary representation proposal on 5 June which will then be adopted for consultation. The Board will have the opportunity to comment before Council adopts the final proposal in September.

- **NZ Community Board Conference**

That the Methven Community Board be represented at the 2024 Community Board Conference by Megan Fitzgerald and Richie Owen.

Holmes/Jenkinson

Carried

6.2 Business Support

- **Customer Request Management**

It was noted that CRM1600238/24 has not been completed and needs to be followed up by Council officers. It relates to a damaged sign at the intersection of Tactician Lane and Racecourse Avenue.

6.3 Compliance and Development

- **Methven Resort consent hearing**

It was reported that mediation between the parties commenced on 18 April, as scheduled. The Board will be provided with an update on a likely date for final decision.

6.4 Infrastructure & Open Spaces

- **Roading**

The Board asked officers to follow up on the need for trees in the dog park (Line Road) to be trimmed back. A request was also made for an update on street sweeping (to understand the extent of the township area that is swept). The Chair has observed leaves on Dolma Street and asked if this street is included.

- **Methven Mall**

The Board recalled discussion last year about improving access to the footpath from the Mall carpark. Officers were to investigate and report back on options to resolve the issue, particularly for wheelchair users. This will be followed up and reported back at the next meeting.

- **Reserves**

Some minor tree work has been undertaken to remove dead branches and trees on the Methven Walkway by an arborist. The Board discussed the need for a new fence and the access issue due to the water race.

Business transacted with the public excluded - 10.15am

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/Lock

Carried

The meeting concluded at 10.34am.

[Confirmed by the Board on 10 June 2024]

Chairman