

METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

REPORT and MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD** held in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall, Methven, on Monday 6 November, 2006, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: Mr M Nordqvist (Chair), Mrs B Anderson, Mr V Barrett, Mr D den Baars and Mr D Wilson.

Also in attendance His Worship the Mayor, Mr B O'Malley, Property Manager, Solid Waste Manager and Administration Officer.

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Crs K Lowe and D Glass **Sustained**

Minutes

"That the minutes of the Methven Community Board Meeting held on Monday, 25 September 2006, be taken as read and confirmed."

Barrett / Anderson

Carried

Additional Information

It was noted that the Board had been provided with the following additional information:

- confirmed 2007 meeting schedule
- letter from Ashburton Police re Methven liquor ban
- gambling venue policy review report
- copy of Boards 2006 submission to the Ashburton District Community Plan

"That the additional information be received."

den Baars / Anderson

Carried

Matters Arising

Liquor Ban – Methven Rodeo

The Board discussed the success of the imposition of the liquor ban during the Methven Rodeo event, noting that this view is supported by the Police and the Methven A & P Rodeo Committee.

Mr den Baars attended the Methven A & P Rodeo Committee's debrief meeting and advised that the following suggestions for future events were made by the Committee to further enhance the effectiveness of the ban:

- larger liquor ban signage,
- placement of signage be extended to the showground's and,
- the timeframe for the ban be extended to 4.00 pm Saturday until 7.00 am Monday

Members supported these suggestions and it was agreed that the Chairman write to Council advising of the positive results of the liquor ban and requesting that the Methven A & P Rodeo Committee's recommendations be implemented next year.

Zone 5 Community Board Forum

Mr Nordqvist reported that the Zone 5 Community Board Forum, hosted in Methven on Saturday 7 October, was very successful and enjoyed by the 40 people who attended. Mr Nordqvist thanked Council for supporting the conference.

NZ Wallplanners Ltd

Mr Nordqvist thanked local businesses for supporting the wallplanner and advised that the wallplanners have been distributed to Methven residents.

Waste Management

The Solid Waste Manager advised that contact had been made with the Methven Garden Club regarding the type of bin to be installed and requested the Boards agreement that the cost of the bin be included in the 2007/08 budget.

“That the cost of the litter bin, to be installed at Harmony Garden, be included in the 2007/08 budget.”

Barrett / den Baars

Carried

Methven Public Toilets

The Board reiterated its concern with the current condition of the public toilets in Methven, it was agreed that a new toilet complex was not a viable option but an upgrade to the interior of the toilets was required. The Property Manager advised that the exterior of the toilets was upgraded two years ago and that an interior upgrade will be completed as part of the asset management plan. Mr Rooney noted that the toilets were considered to meet the required standards at present. At the Board's request the Property Manager agreed to determine when the interior upgrade of the toilets is scheduled.

Mrs Anderson queried whether the Methven Domain toilets may be included in Council's cleaning contracts; the Property Manager advised that the Methven Reserve Board is provided with funding from Council to cover the costs of these toilets.

Reports

Methven Waste Services

The Solid Waste Manager advised that the waste minimisation services in Methven have been monitored for the trial period and the services provided now need to be reviewed. Members discussed the results of the monitored activities, which included quantities of kerbside refuse collected, vehicle movements at the old landfill and quantities of green waste and reusable household items being transported to Ashburton.

Members agreed that community consultation, based on the options identified in 2004, is required. It was noted that option one, the continued operation of the Methven landfill, is not viable. The Board discussed the remaining three options. The Solid Waste Manager recommended that public consultation be completed as soon as possible, in the form of a letter to all residents and a public meeting being held, and that depending on the results of this initial consultation more significant consultation may be required through the Annual Plan / LTCCP process.

The Board noted the low response from the community in 2004 and Mr Wilson suggested that consultation be promoted through community groups. Mr Wilson also requested that the consultation information include the cost and income for each option.

RECOMMENDED TO SERVICES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

“That public consultation be carried out regarding the options for waste minimisation services in Methven.”

Nordqvist / Anderson

Carried

The Solid Waste Manager advised that signs are to be erected in an effort to address the problem of refuse being left at the recycling site. If this is unsuccessful the hours of operation at the site may need to be limited.

Activity Reports

"That the reports be received."

Barrett / Anderson

Carried

Road Resealing

Mrs Anderson queried the need for the resealing work programmed for Forest Drive as she believed this road was resealed in the last 18 months.

Footpath Resurfacing

Mr Nordqvist noted that the footpath on Main Street was resurfaced as part of the town centre redevelopment and queried the need for this area to be resealed again this year.

Mr Barrett requested that the resealing of the footpath on Main Street be extended to include the area in front of the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall.

Annual Plan 2007/08

In response to Mr Wilson query regarding reserve contributions the Property Manager advised that projects are prioritised on a district wide basis. Mr Rooney also noted that the funding in reserve account is used for acquisition of reserves as well as capital development of reserves. Mr Wilson queried Methven's contribution amount to this fund and the amount invested in Methven.

Wastewater Contract 514 – Sewer and Stormwater Pipeline Renewals 2006/07

Mr Wilson queried whether the programmed work takes into consideration the potential future residential development on Dolma Street.

Additional Information

The Water Services Manager subsequently confirmed that the proposed new sewermain is a larger diameter, to allow for future development.

Requests for Service

The Property Manager advised that the property lessee and owners of the items on the railway land have been contacted and instructed to remove their property from this area, relating to CRM2700011/06.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Methven Community Board will be on Monday, 29 January 2007, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall, commencing at 1.30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 3.20 pm.