

**REPORT** and **MINUTES** of the **METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD** meeting held in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall, Methven, on Monday 2 March, 2009, commencing at 1.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mr M Nordqvist (Chair), Mr H Gilpin, Mrs A Johnson, Ms L McMillan, Mr D Wilson; Crs K Lowe and B Tasker.

Also in attendance Manager Democracy & Community Services, Contracts Engineer, Water Services Assets Officer and Committee Secretary.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

"That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 26 January 2009, be taken as read and confirmed."

Johnson/McMillan

**Carried**

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Dolma St beautification**

The Contracts Engineer advised that adverse weather has delayed the work programme. He confirmed that weed spraying will be undertaken. Mr MacPherson also acknowledged reports of safety concerns at the Main Street / Dolma Street intersection and will follow up the request for shrubs and trees to be trimmed back.

#### **Skatepark proposal**

Cr Lowe, Council's Parks Manager and Property Manager met with the skatepark group. The proposed route has been referred to the Roding department for consideration.

#### **Strategic Plan review**

It was reported that the second workshop, held on 1 March, attracted only a small number of attendees, however positive comment and feedback has been received since the first workshop.

#### **Draft Programme for LTCCP 09/10**

The Board's request for further information on the water services upgrade is still to be addressed and this will be followed up by the Water Services Assets Officer.

#### **Methven Playcentre – tree removal**

L McMillan reported that the Playcentre Association has been made aware of the Board's discussion and is continuing to negotiate with Council staff.

### **Methven Clay Target Club**

The Board received correspondence from the Methven Clay Target Club seeking assistance with their search for suitable land to relocate their shooting activities.

The Manager Democracy & Community Services advised that there is no obligation for Council to provide land for this facility. He said that the Scales Road land referred to in their letter was an option offered by Council for the Ashburton branch of the Clay Target Club and the restrictions are in accordance with Council's Planning department requirements.

Cr Lowe spoke in support of the Club which has been in existence for over 80 years. He reported that a site at Pudding Hill has been discounted because of possible contamination to the water supply and that a further option, using A&P Association land, is being considered. Cr Lowe suggested that negotiations between the A&P Association and the Clay Target Club be pursued.

- “1. That the correspondence be received.
2. That the Board responds to the Methven Clay Target Club in support of the Club continuing its negotiations with the Methven A&P Association.”

Nordqvist/Wilson

**Carried**

### **Activity Reports**

"That the reports be received."

Johnson/Wilson

**Carried**

### **LTCCP Budget (item 6)**

A report from the Roading & Street Services Manager was provided in response to the Board’s concern at the lack of kerb and channel and footpath work programmed for Methven in the draft LTCCP. The Board doesn’t want to see this work stopped completely and supported that it should continue, in small amounts, each year.

It was noted that, historically, the intention has been to have a sealed footpath on at least one side of every street in the township and to try and provide kerb and channel on both sides of every street.

Cr Tasker explained that Council’s intention is to minimise rate increases, however if Methven chooses to continue with the work then budget provision (through a targeted rate) will be made. She suggested that the Board should identify its priorities and address this matter through the annual plan process.

“That the Methven kerb and channel and footpath programme be retained in the 2009/12 annual plan.”

Gilpin/McMillan

**Carried**

### **Building consents**

The Board asked for further detail on the totals shown for building consents issued.

### **Toilet upgrade**

The need to have the upgrade completed before the winter season was reiterated and confirmation was sought that work will be carried out urgently. The Contracts Engineer referred to the report which stated that the tender will go out next week. He noted the Board’s request for priority to be given to this work.

Reference was also made to previous discussion on the trees and shrubs located on the reserve near the public toilets. For safety reasons, the Board would like to see some of these trimmed or relocated to the boundary of the reserve so that views in the children’s play area and surrounds are not obscured. This will be followed up with the Parks Manager.

### **Road reseals**

M Nordqvist noted that reseal work in Methven is complete, but reiterated his concern that the work carried out on Spaxton St was insufficient and should have taken priority over Kilworth Street which has significantly less traffic movement.

### **Primary School access**

It was reported that the Roading Manager has met with Council’s consultants and plans for the new access are to be drawn up. Funding for the work has been confirmed, to be undertaken as part of the minor safety works programme.

### **Speed zone outside schools**

The Board asked what consideration has been given to improving the speed limit signage at the approaches to Methven schools. D Wilson said that lowering the speed limit would be good, but questioned whether it would achieve the level of driver awareness needed. He suggested that a better option would be to use electronic signs that can be activated at specific times of the day.

The Contracts Engineer agreed that the existing signs are too far off the road and said that the use of signs alone is not effective. He noted the suggestion that School signs and the 50kmph speed limit sign be relocated to a distance of 200m from the schools.

“That NZ Transport Agency be advised of the Board’s request to have electronic school zone signage installed in Methven.”

Tasker/Wilson

**Carried**

### **Arundel Rakaia Gorge Rd**

“That speaking rights be granted to K Lorenzo.”

Nordqvist / Tasker

**Carried**

Methven i-Site Manager, Katherine Lorenzo, attended the meeting to seek the Board’s consideration of relocating the Methven directional sign currently located on Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road. Methven i-Site has identified that the sign isn’t sufficiently visible for travellers.

The Board supported the relocation of the sign to the nearest intersection with Pudding Hill Road.

K Lorenzo and A Johnson left the meeting at 2.30 pm.

### **Access into Domain entrance**

The Contracts Engineer advised that he and Council’s Parks Manager have looked at the overhanging trees at the Domain entrance and both agree that some maintenance and trimming is necessary. The Board’s Chairman has addressed this with a request for service to Council staff.

### **Methven recycling site**

The Board asked for an update on work that is still to be undertaken at the site, including fencing, sealing, expanding the site and the possibility of having a person stationed there.

The Contracts Engineer advised that budget provision has been made to expand the site and install a skip for residual waste. He agreed to follow up the request for a progress report, noting that there would be consent issues if a landfill is required.

Work on tidying the Vaughans Road site is to be completed before 6 March, however this may be delayed depending on the effects of recent weather.

Clarification was sought on whether receipts could be issued for green waste disposal. The Contracts Engineer explained that because there is no weighbridge at the site, vehicles are charged by the boot-load, however receipts are issued by the townsman on request. This will be made known to the community via a comment in the Snowfed. L McMillan agreed to follow up.

### **NZ Community Board Conference**

Expressions of interest from Board members who would be available to attend the Conference were sought. Only the Chairman was able to commit to one day of the Conference and it was agreed that Mr Nordqvist would be registered to attend the Friday session only.

The meeting concluded at 2.50 pm.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009

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**CHAIRPERSON**