

# METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

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**REPORT** and **MINUTES** of a **MEETING** of the **METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD** held in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall, Methven, on Monday 16 April 2007, commencing at 1.37 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mr M Nordqvist (Chair), Mrs B Anderson, Mr V Barrett, Mr D Den Baars, Cr K Lowe, Cr D Glass and Mr D Wilson

Also in attendance, His Worship the Mayor, Mr B O'Malley, Corporate Services Manager, Roading & Street Services Manager, and Administration Officer.

Mr P Johnson, Dr Justin Wall, and seven members of the public attended.

## **Public Forum (1.37 pm – 1.47 pm)**

### **Fluoridation of Methven Water Supply**

Mr Phillip Johnson represented a group who oppose the Methven Water Supply being fluoridated. He asked the Board to consider a referendum as soon as possible so the people of Methven can have their say. Mr Johnson presented a petition with 99 signatures of Methven water supply users seeking the removal of fluoride.

Dr Justin Wall, dentist of Ashburton spoke in support of retaining the status quo – keeping fluoride in Methven water. Dr Wall tabled recommendations for fluoride to remain in Methven's water. He also expressed his concerns, shared by health professionals of damage caused to the public by not having water fluoridated. He stated that there is no evidence that the levels of fluoride used in the Methven water supply causes any harm.

Board members took the opportunity to ask questions of Dr Wall and Mr Johnson and the presentations concluded at 1.47 pm.

"That the issue of fluoridation of the Methven water supply be discussed at this meeting."

Anderson /Wilson

**Carried**

"That the petition seeking removal of fluoride from the Methven water supply be accepted."

Wilson/Lowe

**Carried**

"That the Mayor be granted speaking rights."

Anderson /Lowe

**Carried**

## **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

"That a binding referendum be carried out of every eligible voter living in the Methven urban water supply area to determine whether the supply should be fluoridated"

Lowe/Wilson

A show of hands gave 3 for and 4 against and the motion was **Lost**.

## **Minutes**

### **Correction to Minutes**

It was noted that receipt of the activity reports was moved Barrett and seconded Nordqvist.

Reference was made to the new kerb and channel design on Forest Drive and the stock water supply, Methven Chertsey Road.

"That the minutes of the Methven Community Board Meeting held on Monday, 5 March 2007, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed."

Barrett/Anderson

**Carried**

### ***Matters Arising***

#### **Minor Maintenance Works Contract**

The Roding and Street Services Manager reported that he has discussed the securing of grates with the contractor who will undertake the work. Mr Robertson will report further on the proposal to install security cameras in the mall.

#### **Stock Water Supply**

The Roding and Street Services Manager advised a solution to the subsidence problem at the Methven Chertsey Road and Main Street corner is currently being investigated and has been placed on the District Council's maintenance list.

#### **Requests for Service**

It was noted that the fallen tree debris at the cemetery still need to be attended to. This request has been referred to the Parks & Recreation staff members.

### ***Activity Reports***

"That the reports be received."

Barrett/ Den Baars

**Carried**

#### **Building Consents**

Members noted the continual growth of building consents in Methven. A request is to be made to the Ashburton District Council's Planning department to provide the Board with a brief report for each meeting, updating the nature of consents already issued.

#### **Minor Maintenance Works Contract**

The Roding and Street Services Manager advised it is leaf fall season and the town's contractor workload has increased accordingly. Concern was raised about the dead moss on the cobblestones in front of the Medical Centre. A sweeping machine will be arranged shortly to remove the moss.

#### **Footpath Resurfacing**

The Roding and Street Services Manager discussed the ongoing damage to footpaths being caused by contractors. Options were discussed on how best to recover the costs of this damage.

### ***RECOMMENDED TO SERVICES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE***

"That the Board makes a request to the Services & Operations Committee that they investigate the reinstatement of the footpath repair deposit as part of the Building Consent application."

Anderson / Barrett

**Carried**

### **Solid Waste Management**

Members briefly discussed some of the proposed options of the Methven Solid Waste Management Consultation. It was agreed the Board needs to decide on what options are the best for the community before any further decisions can be made.

### **Water Supply**

Members requested further information on the Methven Townships Flowmeter graphs. In particular the required level where water restrictions would come into effect. They also requested what the effect of the second supply main in triggering the threshold at which restrictions would apply would be. These enquiries will be passed onto the Water Services Manager.

### **Annual Plan 2007/08**

Copies of the draft Annual Plan were distributed to members. Members agreed to meet at the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall on Monday 30 April at 1.30 pm for a workshop to discuss the draft Annual Plan and the Methven Solid Waste Management options. If additional information is required members will contact Council staff.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of the Methven Community Board will be on Monday 28 May 2007, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall, commencing at 1.30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 2.52 pm.