
Methven Community Board – 29/07/2024

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 29 July 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, Liz McMillan, Rob Mackle and Robin Jenkinson (9.05am).

In attendance

Jane Donaldson (GM Compliance & Development), Linda Clarke (Communications Advisor) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Mayor Neil Brown

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 10 June 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

Lock/Mackle

Carried

Matter arising: Megan and Allan will attend the Mt Harding Catchment Group meeting.

5 Discretionary Grant Request – Cancer Society

The Board acknowledged the work being undertaken by the Society but questioned whether the proposal is a service that would sit outside the project criteria for discretionary funding. The Board asked for further information to show how the money would be spent in Methven.

That the Cancer Society's funding request lies on the table until the 9 September MCB Meeting.

Lock/Owen

Carried

6 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

McMillan/Fitzgerald

Carried

6.1 Infrastructure & Open Spaces

- **Site visit**

The Chair commented on a successful site visit with Council officers on 21 June, and the follow-up actions that have taken place. Further discussion will be held to resolve the mobility park requirements at The Mall. Restoration work at the Garden of Harmony (pipe shed) will commence in August/September and consideration is being given to how the Highbank turbine could be incorporated or placed nearby.

- **Skatepark**

The Board noted with concern the recent vandalism and dumping of unwanted materials. It was suggested that if there is maintenance needed, it may be possible to use the KidzMethven (skatepark) funding that is not vested in Council. [\[Amended 9/09/24\]](#) -

6.2 Democracy & Engagement

- **Draft reserve management plans**

Clarification was sought on the Methven reserve classifications – whether they have licences to occupy or lease agreements. The Board will receive an update on the reserve land status after consultation on the Reserve Management Plans has concluded.

The meeting concluded at 9.46am.

Confirmed 9 September 2024



Chairman