

Methven Community Board – 26/05/25

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 30 June 2025, commencing at 9.00 am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board Room, 160 Main Street, Methven.

Present

Kelvin Holmes (Chair), Richie Owen (via MS Teams), Robin Jenkinson and Crs Liz McMillan and Rob Mackle

In attendance

Hamish Riach (CE), Ulrich Glasner (Water Services Manager) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillor Rob Mackle, Megan Fitzgerald and Allan Lock

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Public Forum

Kirstie Gilchrist & Karyn Heald-Robinson presented their proposal to establish a professional, user-friendly website for showcasing Methven to visitors and supporting the local economy.

- Have approached 90 Methven businesses with responses from 60 to date
- Asking businesses for a \$100 start up fee plus a \$50 annual maintenance fee
- Showing all of what Methven offers with a dedicated page for accommodation (rather than having to use bookings.com), food establishments, events etc.
- Also to include surrounding areas (Foothills, Hakatere etc)
- Requesting funding from the Community Board for set up costs

It was agreed that the current Community Board is supportive of this initiative and requested that a funding application be submitted.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 26 May 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

Owen/McMillan

Carried

Matters arising

- Nil.

5 Discretionary Grant – Methven Security Enhancement Trust

That the Methven Community Board allocates \$5,000 from its discretionary grant to the Methven Security Enhancement Trust for the installation of another surveillance camera subject to confirmation that the location of the camera is within the Board's boundary.

Owen/McMillan Carried

6 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

Jenkinson/McMillan Carried

6.1 Infrastructure & Open Spaces

- **Three Waters**

Council's Water Supply Renewals contract has been awarded to Rooney's Contracting and the Wastewater Renewals contract to Truline Civil. A schedule of the areas identified for work to be undertaken in the Methven is to be emailed to members.

6.2 Democracy & Engagement

- **Methven Community Strategic Plan – Mt Hutt Memorial Hall**

That the Methven Community Board support a review of the future governance arrangements and strategic direction of the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall.

Holmes/Jenkinson Carried

- **Methven Community Strategic Plan – Birdsong Initiative**

That the Methven Community Board nominates Richie Owen as their representative on the Birdsong Initiative Trust until the end of the triennium.

Holmes/McMillan Carried

6.4 Business Support

- **Methven Community Strategic Plan**

A request was made for a report showing the breakdown of expenditure incurred on the production of the Methven Community Strategic Plan.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 10.16am

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	MCB Minutes – 26/05/25 Methven & Foothills Birdsong Initiative	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Owen/McMillan Carried

The Board resumed in open meeting and concluded at 10.20am.

Confirmed 11 August 2025

Chairman