

4. Minutes –26 July 2021

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 26 July 2021, commencing at 10.30am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Theatre, 160 Main Street, Methven.

Present

Dan McLaughlin (Chairman), Kelvin Holmes, Ron Smith, Sonia McAlpine, Richie Owen and Crs Liz McMillan and Rodger Letham.

In attendance

Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager), Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager) and Clare Harden (Community Administration Officer /Minutes)

1 Apologies

Mayor Neil Brown Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

The Chair tabled letters from Paul Dixey and Rob Markillie who have expressed their concern about the Methven water supply. [Later in the meeting the Chairman referred the letters to the Group Manager Infrastructure Services who will provide the Chairman with information to respond].

That correspondence received from Paul Dixey and Rob Markillie be received.

Smith/Holmes Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 8.3 - Discretionary grants

Dan McLaughlin declared an interest in the Llama funding proposal and withdrew from the discussion and decision.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 14 June 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

McAlpine/Smith Carried

5 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

Smith/Holmes Carried

Community Services

- **Open Spaces**

Soft fall being added to playgrounds over the next few weeks.

- **Holmes Road treeline**

Not a reserve but Council staff are undertaking tree pruning and wild seedling removal and will be getting a flail mower in. This will continue through to Barkers Road. Only the road side being done at this point in time.

- **Cemetery**

Open Spaces are working through options, with regards to the northern hedge, to reduce the height and density to enable more wind flow through the cemetery. Steve Fabish advised that the final outcome may be staggered over several years to avoid the cemetery becoming a wind tunnel.

The Board are keen to undertake a site visit with staff to get an understanding of the issues and options.

- **Economic Development**

Over the past month Council has been working with Christchurch NZ on a contract for district promotion, marketing, events etc. The Council are working to get more effective KPI's in place.

- **EMC web site** is free to advertise events, previous user pay site did not work. Council staff now have control of events being added to the site. Council is expecting a significant change of how this service will be delivered in the future.

- **Oak Trees**

A report has been prepared on the lighting of two oak trees and this will be forwarded for the next meeting with updated costs. Power supply needs to be re-fitted at a cost of \$21,869 for both trees. The Board are going to leave this on the table until report has been received.

- **Methven Strategic Plan**

Recommendation

That the Methven Community Board requests that Council staff provide a cost estimate and process for the review of the Methven Community Strategic Plan and report back to the Board.

McLaughlin/McMillan

Carried

Funding Proposal – Llama

Dan McLaughlin withdrew from the meeting for the duration of this item.

Sonia McAlpine took the Chair

It was recommended that the Methven Community Board reject the proposal for funding from Llama for the Methven NZ website and instead explore how Methven events can be showcased on the Experience Mid Canterbury site. Consideration may be given to increasing the listings on the current district events page and promoting that site as the vehicle for finding out what's going on in Methven.

This suggestion wasn't fully supported.

That the Methven Community Board funds \$4,300 for Llama as a one off payment from the discretionary fund into the Methven NZ Website to further develop the site, and that a mechanism be found to protect the domain name for the Community.

Owen/Holmes

Carried

7 Infrastructure Services

Drinking water – reservoir project

- The Chair commented that the Methven Community Board have worked hard to get to this point and would like to note that they are restricted by following the process that is in place.

- The Board would like to record that they support the reservoir project on a basis of a single treatment stream brought forward to the 22/23 year and also support bringing forward the design process.

That the Methven Community Board records its support for the recommendations in two reports being considered by Council on 28 July 2021 (5Ms Water Treatment Plant feasibility and the Methven reservoir contract).

Holmes/McAlpine

Carried

Ron Smith abstained from voting.

- **Mackie Street flooding**

Dan McLaughlin noted that this has been ongoing for longer than 8 years, not from just the 2021 flood.

The meeting concluded at 11.55am.

Dated 20 September 2021


Chairman