

## #. *Minutes – 31 January 2022*

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 31 January 2022, commencing at 10.30am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board room, 160 Main Street, Methven.

### **Present**

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

### **In attendance**

Neil Brown (Mayor), Neil McCann (Group Manager - Infrastructure Services), Mark Chamberlain (Roding Manager), Daniel Huisman (Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor) and Clare Harden (Community Liaison Officer).

### **1 Apologies**

N/A

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

**That** pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following items be introduced as extraordinary business:

- Speed limit issue, north end of SH77 in Methven town boundary  
Owen/Smith Carried
- Methven Strategic Plan – update on budget  
Holmes/McAlpine Carried

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

N/A

### **4 Confirmation of Minutes**

**That** the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 29 November 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

Holmes/McMillan Carried

### **5 Activity Reports**

**That** the reports be received.

McMillan/McAlpine Carried

### **6 Community Services**

#### **Open Spaces**

- Camrose & Thyme Stream has now been vested in Council.

- The Methven Skate Park Committee would like to see the park assets now be vested in Council. Council is already mowing this area and see this as the next step for this project.
- Comment from the Board to the Open Spaces Team “Methven Town Open Spaces are looking good” Thank you.

## 7 Infrastructure service

- Neil McCann introduced Mark Chamberlin the new Ashburton District Roding Manager.

### Extraordinary Business

#### NZTA SH77 100km Speed limit issue between Ōpuke Hot Pools and the Methven Town 50km zone

Liz gave an update to the Board: the area between town and the Methven walkway is getting very unsafe. In light of this the community has started a petition to bring the speed limit down.

### Recommendation to Council

**That** Council supports the Methven Community Board’s intention to write to Waka Kotahi urging them to reduce the speed limit on SH77 between the Ōpuke Hot Pools and the Methven township’s 50km zone.

Letham/Owen

Carried

### Water

The Board discussed the reservoir project. Ron Smith asked about the underground concrete tanks – these have been located under where the reservoir was going to go.

Council is in discussion with the land owner as the new treatment plant and reservoir need more land.

Ron Smith asked if the Council had got anywhere with another possible town water supply?

Neil McCann gave an update, details being nitted out and they are at the final stages of getting the drilling underway.

## 8 Business Support & Governance

### Extraordinary Business

#### Methven Strategic Plan

Liz gave an overview from the Ashburton District Council budget workshop. She had been given the figure of \$40 extra for ratepayers for the development of a Strategic Plan and asked if the Board wants to go ahead, or put off?

- The Board asked where this amount came from as the calculations seem to have an error.
- The MCB will have a workshop to plan what the Board would like to do going forward with the Methven Strategic Plan

#### Methven Collie Club funding request

**That** the MCB grant the Methven Collie Club funding request.

Smith/McMillan

Lost

The recommendation was not fully supported. Members opposing the recommendation commented that they could not support this funding as the applicant is outside the town boundary.

The meeting concluded at 12 pm.

Next meeting: Monday 14 March 2022

Dated 14 March 2022



Chairman