

Methven Community Board

11 March 2024



Methven Community Board – 11/03/24

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 11 March 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 and Richie Owen; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan.

In attendance

Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Linda Clarke (Communications Advisor) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

1 Apologies

Mayor Neil Brown and Robin Jenkinson

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 9: Liz McMillan declared an interest and gave notice she would withdraw from debate and decision.

Public Forum

Mary Kermode (Methven Red Cross) was welcomed to the meeting and spoke about two issues that the Methven Red Cross shop is experiencing:

- Parking – road markings need to be upgraded to better define the available parking and identify the private (shop) parking. Assistance to mark out the mobility park, which is on private land, was also requested.
- Dumping of ‘rubbish’ – the Shop is experiencing high volumes of unwanted goods and clothing being left in their skip which they have to dispose of at their cost (Red Cross incur a charge of \$380 each time the skip is emptied). Mary asked if the Board would investigate with Council the possibility of a ‘kerbside collection day’ to address the need for unwanted and larger items that people are wanting to get rid of.

The Chair thanked Mary and advised that both matters will be taken into consideration when the Board prepares its submission to Council’s Long-term Plan.

The presentation concluded at 9.11am.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Biodiversity Strategy – minutes corrected to show that the Deputy Mayor advised that the Garden of Harmony is worth being considered.

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 29 January 2024, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

Owen/McMillan

Carried

Matter arising: New rules for speed restriction

Liz reported that the Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee, rather than the Mayor, will write to the Minister of Transport re the speed signs that are going to be changed on SH77 (30kph and 60kph).

5 Adventure Balloons – grant request

That Methven Community Board allocates \$5,000 from its discretionary grant to Adventure Balloons NZ (Limited) for the Methven – Fire and Ice Hot Air Balloon Glow and Laser Festival, with this funding to be used for event advertising.

Holmes/Owen

Carried

6 Methven Firefighters Support Group – grant request

That Methven Community Board allocates \$3,000 from its discretionary grant to the Methven Fire Fighters Support Group to repaint their roof.

Owen/Fitzgerald

Carried

7 Mt Hutt College Centennial Project – grant request

The Board noted that no quotes have been provided. Given that the centennial event won't take place until 2025, it was suggested that Mt Hutt College be asked to provide further detail on costs associated with stage curtain replacements.

That the matter lies on the table meanwhile, pending further information and quotes.

McMillan/Lock

Carried

8 Mt Hutt College Rock Wall – grant request

That Methven Community Board allocates \$3,000 from its discretionary grant to the Mt Hutt College for the school rock climbing wall project.

McMillan/Holmes

Carried

9 Methven Foothills Walking Festival – grant request

Deputy Mayor, Liz McMillan withdrew from the meeting for this item.

That Methven Community Board allocates \$550 from its discretionary grant to the Methven Foothills Walking Festival.

Owen/Lock

Carried

10 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

McMillan/Fitzgerald

Carried

• Long-term Plan 2024-34 development

The Board acknowledged there is currently no budget for extra street lighting and agreed to address this in their LTP submission. The submission will support the Methven Reserve Board's request for investigations into improved street lighting on Methven Chertsey Road (from the Cemetery to Mackie St).

It was further agreed the submission will make reference to the iHub funding (noting there is only funding provided in Year 1 of the Plan), and seek increased funding for the Methven community pool.

The Board will have a workshop to prepare the submission and Board members will attend the LTP consultation events on 10 and 20 April. The Chair will confirm the workshop date.

- **Garden of Harmony**

It was reported that a meeting will be held on 21 March for Board members to meet with Council officers who will be helping to progress the Garden of Harmony project. Advice will be given to the Board on how to approach the project through the LTP submission.

The meeting will be held at the Council offices, Te Whare Whakare at 3pm.

- **CRM reports**

The CRM report will be further refined, retaining information on the status of more critical requests – i.e. water leaks, road safety, and vandalism.

- **Finance report**

Clarification was sought on the reason for a \$1,550 amount showing in the December ‘Telephones and Tolls’ appears as an ‘Allowance’ in the January report. Officers will check and report back.

- **Roading & footpaths**

The Chair commented on the number of footpaths around the township that have become overgrown and need cleaning – a particular problem on the south side of Methven Chertsey Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.21am.

[Confirmed by the Board on 22 April 2024]

Chairman