

Methven Community Board

21 October 2024



Methven Community Board – 21/10/2024

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 21 October 2024, commencing at 9.00 am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board Room, 160 Main Street, Methven.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown; Kelvin Holmes (Chair), Megan Fitzgerald, Allan Lock, Richie Owen and Robin Jenkinson.

In attendance

Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Cr Liz McMillan

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 9 September 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Fitzgerald/Jenkinson

Carried

Matters arising

Methven cemetery – the area of concern is on the roadside and the matter will be referred to Council's Roading Manager to look at what's causing water to pool.

5 Discretionary Grant Request – Methven Arts & Growers Market

That Methven Community Board allocates \$2,000 from its discretionary fund to Jennifer Lalor to establish the Methven Arts & Growers Market.

Owen/Fitzgerald

Carried

6 Discretionary Grant Request – Methven & Foothills Birdsong Initiative Trust

That the Methven Community Board allocates \$8,000 + GST from its discretionary fund to the Methven and Foothills Birdsong Initiative Trust for the development of a landscape concept plan.

Fitzgerald/Owen

Carried

- 7 Discretionary Grant Request – Methven Primary School Prizegiving Funding**
- That** Methven Community Board allocates \$100 from its discretionary fund to the Methven Primary School for prizegiving.
- Owen/Lock Carried
- 8 Activity Reports**
- That** the reports be received.
- Jenkinson/Owen Carried
- 8.1 Infrastructure & Open Spaces**
- **Roading**
- The Board agreed that the area around the relocated speed sign, as one of the entrances to the town, need to be tidied and maintained. The trees leading to the Ōpuke pools may need further trimming. The Board also questioned whether Open Spaces are required to mow the area around the Garden of Harmony which has become overgrown. Comment will be sought from Council’s Roothing and Open Spaces Managers.
- **CBD lighting project**
- A public meeting will be held this Thursday at 7pm in the Mt Hutt Hall. A quote has been received from EA to upgrade the power connection for in-ground, under-tree lighting (\$26k).
- **CRMs**
- The Board agreed it would be useful to have some additional detail alongside some requests if there is further work required to “complete” a request for service.
- 8.2 Democracy & Engagement**
- **Local water done well**
- The Mayor provided a brief date on the three options that Council is considering –
- 1) Status quo – but including Commerce Commission / economic regulator requirements
 - 2) CCO – in-house - still with the economic regulator
 - 3) CCO – with EA running this (EA has Commerce Commission regulation already)
- Council has ruled out partnering with other councils and will continue work through options to develop a proposal for the future service delivery.
- **2025 Board meetings**
- Dates proposed for Methven Community Board meetings in 2025 are Monday 27 January, 10 March, 14 April, 26 May, 30 June, 11 August and 22 September.
- That** the Methven Community Board meeting dates for 2025, as scheduled, be confirmed.
- Fitzgerald/Lock Carried
- **Birdsong Project – Botanic Landscape Architects Offer of Service**
- That** the Methven Community Board Chair be authorised to sign the Offer of Service on behalf of the Board.
- Jenkinson/Lock Carried

8.3 Compliance and Development

- **Visitor accommodation**

The Mayor commented on the report of properties being investigated as breaching visitor accommodation rules. Officers have been asked to look at anomalies with Air B&B commercial rates and whether Council has the process right.

8.4 Business Support

- **Finance report**

The Board's discretionary carry-over and swimming pool grant will show in the next (October 2024) income and expenditure report.

Business transacted with the public excluded - 10.02am

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	Extraordinary business - Lease agreement	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Owen/Jenkinson

Carried

There being no resolutions passed the Board resumed in open meeting and concluded at 10.03am.

Confirmed 2 December 2024



Chairman