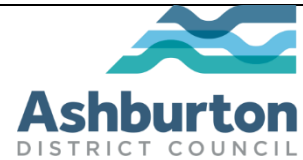


Methven Community Board

30 January 2023



Methven Community Board Meeting – 30/01/23

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 30 January 2023, commencing at 10:30am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board Room, 160 Main Street, Methven.

Present

Kelvin Holmes (Chair), Richie Owen, Robin Jenkinson, Allan Lock, Megan Fitzgerald; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan.

In attendance

Toni Durham (Group Manager Democracy and Engagement), Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager), Linda Clarke (Communications Advisor) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

Acknowledgement of Councillor Rodger Letham

A moment's silence was observed for Councillor Rodger Letham. Cr Letham was appointed as an ADC representative on the Community Board in 2019 and was reappointed in October 2022 following the Local Body Elections.

1 Apologies

Mayor Neil Brown

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declaration of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 12 December 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.

Jenkinson/McMillan

Carried

Matters arising

Nil.

5 Activity Reports

That the activity reports be received.

Owen/Jenkinson

Carried

5.1 Democracy and Engagement

5.1.2 Community Board Executive Elections

That the Methven Community Board supports Ross Munro's nomination as the representative on the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee.

Owen/Jenkinson

Carried

5.4 Infrastructure and Open Spaces

5.4.1 Roading

- **Roadside Maintenance**

Ōpuke thermal pools have undertaken trimming of hedges/grass verges outside their property. Council owns grass verges adjacent to this land which also need tidied up. Ian Soper to look into this.

- **Better-off Funding**

An article in a recent copy of the Ashburton Guardian stated that a portion of funds from the Council's Better-off Funding package received from the Government would be used for additional footpaths around Ashburton, Methven and Rakaia.

The Board queried as to which areas of Methven would receive additional footpaths. The Road Manager is to be invited to the next meeting to provide an update.

5.4.2 Drinking water

- **Reservoir**

Request for copies of the plans for the new infrastructure for the membrane plant and settling ponds to be circulated to members.

5.4.4 Open Spaces

- **Tree Lighting**

The Board have purchased lights for two oak trees. A request was made for an update on where this project is at.

- **Maintenance responsibilities**

The Open Spaces Manager confirmed that Methven Lions are responsible for everything to do with the Methven Walkway track surface, for which the Lions have a licence to occupy from the Council.

This goes from the RDR down Mt Harding Road through Thyme Stream into town, through the Cemetery then A&P and back up the treeline from Holmes Road right up to the RDR. Methven Lions also have an occupation agreement with Council for plantings on the road reserve at Mt Harding Road – which they maintain as well.

Council, through Open Spaces, maintain the Cemetery gardens and new bund/tracksides plantings along with the streamside/tracksides plantings at Thyme Stream subdivision. The stream here is also a water race and is part of the Council water race network. Council Water Rangers will undertake the stream/race maintenance.

Open Spaces staff will spray from time to time the track area immediately in front of Council maintained plantings such as the bund in the cemetery and Thyme Stream gardens. This is due to the fact that staff are there with a knapsack or sprayer, walking across the track, so it makes sense for them to do so.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 11.25am.

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: | |
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| 6 | Methven NZ Website – grant funding | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |

Fitzgerald/Jenkinson

Carried

The Board resumed in open meeting at 11.40am.

Methven Community Plan

A Methven Community Plan was prepared in 2009 and updated in 2014. The Board would like to undertake a review of the plan. GM Democracy and Engagement is to look at the work programme to see if this can be scheduled in.

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

[Confirmed by the Board 13 March 2023]

Chairman