

## ***Methven Community Board – 16/10/23***

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 16 October 2023, commencing at 9.00am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board Room, 160 Main Street, Methven.

### **Present**

Kelvin Holmes (Chair), Megan Fitzgerald, Robin Jenkinson, Richie Owen, Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan and Cr Rob Mackle.

### **In attendance**

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

Officers in attendance (for post-meeting discussion) – Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Femke van der Valk (Policy Advisor), Ian Hyde (Planning Manager) and Shelley Donnelly (Marketing Advisor- District Promotion).

### **1 Apologies**

Mayor Neil Brown and Allan Lock (absence) 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 4 September 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

Jenkinson/McMillan Carried

### **5 Activity Reports**

**That** the reports be received.

Jenkinson/Mackle Carried

### **5.1 Democracy & Engagement**

#### **• Local alcohol policy**

The Chair will respond to Council's second round of consultation and advise that the Methven Community Board supports the proposed changes to the Local Alcohol Policy.

#### **• Representation review**

Information showing mesh block boundaries for the MCB area will be discussed with the Board after the meeting.

- **Economic Development Strategy**

The Board asked for the opportunity to view the revised Strategy before it is adopted by Council.

- **Office of the Auditor General**

The Board noted the OAG's advice that the Board members, who are also members of the Lions Club of Methven, are not deemed to have financial conflicts of interest in funding applications submitted by the Club for discretionary funding.

- **2024 Community Board meetings**

Board members agreed that the current schedule is continuing to meet their needs and will allow flexibility to include workshops, when required. Monday meetings will be retained but an earlier start time is proposed.

## **Recommendation to Council**

**That** the Methven Community Board meeting dates for 2024, as scheduled in Option 1, be confirmed, and that Board meetings continue to be held on Mondays with a 9am start time.

Holmes/Owen

Carried

- **Methven Hockey 5's discretionary grant**

The Methven Hockey 5's committee has written to the Board with an explanation about a small change to the purpose for which grant funding was received in 2022. The funding was used to manufacture sideboards for two hockey 5's courts for a competition that was to have been held last year between Mt Hutt College and Ashburton College. That event was deferred, and for various reasons may not happen as originally proposed, but the sideboards have been successful and the committee is taking the opportunity to introduce the 5's game more informally from this month with the expectation that the sport will attract interest, leading to more organised events.

The Board was satisfied that the grant has been used appropriately, and was appreciative of the accountability feedback received.

## **5.2 Business Support**

- **Finance report**

The income and expenditure report for August was received. The Board noted that the carry-over of \$10,034 wasn't shown (approved by Council in September) but will appear in subsequent income and expenditure reports.

- **CRM report**

It was reported one of the town centre seats was damaged over the weekend. Officers were asked to check whether a request has been lodged through the CRM process.

## **5.3 Compliance and Development**

- **Methven Resort**

Three objections have been received to Methven Resort's proposed expansion. A public hearing will be held at the Mt Hutt Hall on 26 October, 10am.

- **Visitor promotion / tourism**

The Board noted that officers are looking to reinstate the 'Experience Mid Canterbury' brand and business case in the coming year.

## 5.4 Infrastructure & Open Spaces

- **Methven Mall footpath access**

Officers were advised that the way in which the parking area is constructed in the Methven Mall makes it difficult to access the footpath, due to the raised concrete kerb. The Board asked if Roading officers could investigate and report back on options to resolve the issue.

- **Membrane treatment plant**

The Board recorded its appreciation of the community members who turned out to the opening of the new treatment plant on 6 and 7 October. It was noted that approximately 50 members of the public viewed the facility on the Saturday.

- **Water main renewals 2023/24**

Clarification was sought on the programmed completion date which has reportedly moved from October 2023 until next year.

- **Gardens of Harmony and historic pipe site**

The Chair reported on the meeting that the Methven Lions Club held with the Open Spaces Manager. Consideration is being given to the potential for adjoining land to be developed to create a link between the two sites. An additional feature (Highbank turbine runner) may also be able to be relocated to the pipe site which would create further interest. Lions have undertaken to re-shingle the pathways in the garden with Council to meet the cost of the shingle.

Additionally, the Lions are assisting with plants donated for the Methven Cemetery.

- **Methven drop-off yard**

The Board has previously discussed Line Road as an option for a transfer station / cost-neutral operation.

Discussion on the current drop-off site identified concerns about the type of product being left. This site allows whiteware and electrical. Officers were asked to check CCTV to identify who dumping what.

## Business transacted with the public excluded

**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:	
6	Discretionary grant application	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy natural persons
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McMillan/Owen

Carried

The Board resumed in open meeting and concluded at 10.02am.

**[Confirmed by the Methven Community Board on 27 November 2023]**

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**Chairman**