

Methven Community Board – 26/05/25

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 26 May 2025, 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 (via MS Teams), Robin Jenkinson and Crs Liz McMillan and Rob Mackle

In attendance

Hamish Riach (CE), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Renee Julius (Property Manager), Jacqui Watson (Property Legal Counsel), Lou Dunstan (Policy Advisory, Tayyaba Latif (Policy Advisor) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

1 Apologies

Nil

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, to be taken as Item 5.1:

- Methven & Foothills Walking Festival – letter of appreciation and accountability form (circulated via email)
- Ron Hydes – letter requesting Council to consider tar sealing McCloys Road (tabled)
- Huntly Grey – letter and photos requesting that trees on Cushmor Drive be trimmed (tabled)

McMillan/Jenkinson

Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 14 April 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

Jenkinson/Lock

Carried

Matters arising

- Nil.

5 Methven Community Draft Strategic Plan

Amendments:

- Include titles on photographs of Board members (Chair, Deputy Chair, Western Ward Councillors etc)
- Our History – undertake further discussions with Ngāi Tauī/Arowhenua to revise the wording.
- Objective 12 – rename to Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective

- Remove reference to Experience Mid Canterbury as organisations to be involve as they are a brand and ADC is the governing body.
- Objective 22 – change to ‘develop and support sessions’
- Objective 23 (action 1) – remove wording ‘with stronger Methven focus’

That the Methven Community Board adopts the final Methven Community Strategic Plan 2025 as attached (Appendix 1), incorporating amendments as discussed.

Fitzgerald/Holmes

Carried

5.1 Methven & Foothills Walking Festival

A letter of appreciation and a grant accountability form was received from the Methven & Foothills Walking Festival for the grant of \$1,000 received to assist with the costs associated to hosting the festival.

6 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

McMillan/Jenkinson

Carried

6.2 Democracy & Engagement

• Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy

Megan Fitzgerald and Richie Owen are to prepare a submission on the Climate Change and Sustainability strategy on behalf of the Methven Community Board.

• Pre-Election Report 2025

Council is to organise two candidate evenings to be held in Methven, the evenings are to have a focus on both encouraging people to vote and to stand.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 9.50am

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	Methven & Foothills Birdsong Initiative	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Fitzgerald/Owen

Carried

The Board resumed in open meeting and concluded at 10.25am.

Confirmed 30 June 2025

Chairman