

#. *Minutes –29 November 2021*

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 29 November 2021, commencing at 10.30am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Theatre, 160 Main Street, Methven.

Present

Dan McLaughlin (Chair) Sonya McAlpine, Kelvin Holmes, Ron Smith, Richie Owen; Crs Liz McMillan and Rodger Letham.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager), Bert Hofmans (Open Spaces Planner) and Clare Harden (Community Administration Officer).

1 Apologies

Mayor Neil Brown	Sustained
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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:

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| • Public forum: Sue Abel from Neighborhood Support | |
| | McLaughlin/McMillan |
| | Carried |
| • Methven Collie Club & Mt Hutt Memorial Hall grant applications | |
| | Holmes/Owen |
| | Carried |

3 Declarations of Interest

Members declared an interest and gave notice they will withdraw from debate and decision on the following items:

- Kelvin Holmes - Methven Lions Club & Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board funding applications
- Liz McMillan – Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board funding application
- Ron Smith – Methven Lions Club funding application

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 18 October 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

McAlpine/Holmes	Carried
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Public Forum

Sue Abel from Neighbourhood Support gave an overview of the Neighbourhood Support “Gets Ready” programme which is designed for emergency events such as Civil Defence.

It was noted that it has been a year since Neighbourhood Support have been in Methven. Sue advised that they are always looking for co-ordinators. The “Gets Ready” programme has more of an urban than rural focus, and while its different to emergency response they work with Civil Defence to support the community response teams.

The Board agreed it would be useful to have a community meeting to try and get more support.

5 Methven Cemetery Development Plan

- Topping of trees will be done. Ron is mindful of the costs incurred by chipping timber and asked if it would be cheaper to burn. Ian advised that the Open Spaces team are looking at all options and will also have to align to the Health & Safety Act and the town fire regulations. Grinding is the preferred option as it will allow chip to be used.
- Ian advised that a report has gone to Council and approval has been given for up to \$70,000 for remediation work at the cemetery. He noted that the cemetery will remain operational during this work.
 1. **That** the report be received.
 2. **That** the Methven Community Board adopts the draft Methven Cemetery Plan for implementation over time as funding allows.

Holmes/McMillan

Carried

6 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

McAlpine/Holmes

Carried

• Open Spaces

That the Board requests Camrose to mow the roadside grass on the adjacent Holmes Rd and main road.

Holmes/McAlpine

Carried

• Roading

The Board asked what Council's process is for following up completed work . It was agreed that the Board will notify Council of any issues via Snap Send Solve, or through the Community Administration Officer so these can be followed up.

• Drinking Water

The Board was updated on the Methven reservoir project and water treatment plant upgrade. It was further noted that the manifold for the water meter trial has arrived and the meters are due to be received in February.

• Discretionary grant requests

Kelvin Holmes and Ron Smith withdrew from debate on the Methven Lions application.

That the Methven Community Board approves funding of \$1,400, from the Board's discretionary fund for the Methven Lions Convention audio-visual system.

McMillan/McAlpine

Carried

That the Methven Community Board approves funding of \$4,206, from the Board's discretionary fund for the Methven tennis and netball court line re-painting.

Holmes/Smith

Carried

That the Methven Community Board approves funding of \$2,000, from the Board's discretionary fund for the Methven Scarecrow Trail 2022.

Owen / Holmes

Carried

Extraordinary business

- Mt Hutt Memorial Hall & Collie Club funding request

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Kelvin Holmes and Liz McMillan withdrew from debate on the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall application.

That the Methven Community Board approves funding of \$2,910, from the Board's discretionary fund for The Mt Hutt Memorial Hall System upgrade

Letham /McAlpine

Carried

- Methven Collie Club funding request

The recommendation to approve funding for Methven Collie Club event and book publishing for the Club's 125 years of dog trialling at Methven was not supported, due to this organisation not being based within the Community Board boundary.

The meeting concluded at 12pm.

Next meeting: Monday 31 January 2022

Dated 31 January 2021



Chairman