

## ***Methven Community Board – 4/09/23***

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 4 September 2023, commencing at 10:30am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Board Room, 160 Main Street, Methven.

### **Present**

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

### **In attendance**

Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure and Open Spaces), Janice McKay (Communications Manager), Mary Jenkin (EA to CE) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

### **1 Apologies**

Cr Rob Mackle Sustained

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

Nil.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

It was noted that there are currently three out of the five Community Board members who are also members of the Methven Lions Club. The Chair reported that clarification is being sought from the Office of the Auditor General as to whether these members may be exempted from having to declare an interest in Methven Lions Club projects.

### **4 Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes will be corrected to record that Holmes Rd (not McCloys Rd) requires maintenance, and that Lines Rd will be included as an alternative option for a solid waste management site.

**That** the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 24 July 2023, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

Owen/Jenkinson Carried

### **5 Activity Reports**

**That** the reports be received.

McMillan/Fitzgerald Carried

#### **• Representation Review**

A workshop on the representation review for the makeup of the Council, Maori representation, boundaries, the number of elected members and community boards, and how they are elected, is scheduled to be held at the conclusion of the Board meeting.

#### **• Methven tree lights**

This project continues to be a work in progress. A proposal for funding is to be submitted to Council for the 2024/25 annual plan.

- **Tourism – Operators Get-together**

It was noted that the recently held operators' get-togethers have not been well attended. It is expected that the timing of the meetings are not suitable to most operators. Council's Marketing Advisor is to be invited to attend the next Methven Community Board meeting to discuss options.

- **Welcome to Methven sign**

The Welcome to Methven sign on Barkers Road has been damaged. HEB have been engaged to replace the sign. Officers will investigate the feasibility of relocating the sign 20-30 metres down the road to passed the trees on Holmes Road.

- **Membrane plant**

The official opening of the Membrane Plant is scheduled for Friday 6 October, 10.00am with a community open day to be held on Saturday 7 October, 9am to 12pm.

- **Garden of Harmony**

The Board would like to investigate ways that the Garden of Harmony space could be enhanced. It was suggested that the Board submit to Council to get this included in the future Reserve Management Plan and the LTP.

The meeting concluded at 11.20am.

**[Confirmed by the Board on 16 October 2023]**

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**Chairman**