

Minutes – 2 May 2022

Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 2 May 2022, commencing at 10.30am, in the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall Boardroom, 160 Main Street, Methven.

Present

Kelvin Holmes (Chair); Cr Liz McMillan, Cr Rodger Letham, Ron Smith and Sonya McAlpine.

In attendance

Mayor Neil Brown; Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager) and Clare Harden (Community Liaison Officer)

1 Apologies

Dan McLaughlin and Richie Owen

McAlpine /Smith

Carried

2 Extraordinary Business

The Chair sought agreement from the Board to discuss and an update the Action Schedule.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 14 March 2022, be taken as read and confirmed. (

McMillan/Smith

Carried

5 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

McMillan/Holmes

Carried

Community Services

Open Spaces

- Liz had a note from a member of the public about the roses at the Methven Memorial arch needing some attention.
- Liz received an email about the Service graves at the Methven Cemetery needing a mow before ANZAC day. Open Spaces did mow a week before ANZAC day, but higher grass growth lead to it needing to be done again.
- Work is continuing at the cemetery and once grassing has been finished it will be handed back to the Lions for track maintenance.
- A new fence is being added at the cemetery (post & rail). Open Spaces are working with the Lions on this project.

Strategy & Compliance

Strategy & Policy

- Update on the hawkers (Trading in Public Places) Bylaw which will soon be coming out for consultation.
- Community Board to add that hawkers may need to work around local events. The Board will add this to their submission.
- Kelvin has a draft Annual Plan submission that he will send to the Board.

7 Infrastructure Services

Roading

- There will be a group formed to progress the footpath from Racecourse Road to Opuke hot pools and the Trotting Club. Mark Chamberlain will lead this working group.
- The government's Speed Limit Rule change has been signed off by the Minister. The updates will now need to be gazetted by government. Liz feels this will still take some time.

Water Services

Liz gave a verbal report on the below that is a late update and not added to the agenda.

- **Reservoir construction**

The concrete foundations have been constructed and the contractor is installing the in-ground pipework at present. This includes modifications and blank connections to allow for the new plant to be connected more easily when it is constructed, without interfering with the operation of the current plant. The reservoir panels are expected to arrive in May and then construction of the reservoirs themselves will begin.

Upon completion of the new reservoirs, the old concrete reservoir will be inspected internally and structurally, to help us decide on the best way to rehabilitate it and maximise its life and the storage available to Methven.

- **Water metering trial**

The contractor is out in Methven surveying the manifolds and toby boxes to confirm which need to be upgraded and the scope of work required. In May the work to replace older boxes will begin, after which meters can be installed.

The meters themselves are still in transit but expected to arrive soon. We have a reserve of meters on hand to begin the installation process.

- **Membrane treatment plant**

The contract for the treatment equipment has been awarded and initial discussions have been held with the successful contractor.

Beca consultants are working on finalising the process designs which will inform the building sizes and layouts. These will then be reviewed at a series of workshops involving officers and operational staff to identify any potential issues before we proceed to detailed structural and civil design.

Test pits have been dug and infiltration testing carried out to estimate the size of the soakage basins required for disposal of backwash water. This sets the amount of land needed for the final plant.

- **Exploratory bore drilling**

Landowner approval is still being sought. There are implications to the landowner on their farming operation if the bore was proven successful and able to be used as a drinking water supply source. The landowner is currently considering independent advice on the matter.

Discretionary grant requests

That the Methven Community Board approves funding of \$5,000 from the Board's discretionary fund for the Methven Rugby Football Club lighting project.

Smith/Letham

Carried

That the Methven Community Board approves funding of \$3,000 from the Board's discretionary fund for the Methven Cricket Club's new net.

Letham/McAlpine

Carried

Extraordinary Business

Action Schedule

The Board updated the action schedule to take out any actions that the Board are happy have been completed.

The meeting concluded at 11.43am.

Next meeting: Monday 13 June 2022

[Confirmed by the Board on 13 June 2022]

Chairman