

# MINUTES

## BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 24 January 2024

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Venue:** Te Matapihi Hall, Te Matapihi  
Bulls Community Centre  
4 Criterion Street  
Bulls

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Present

- Mr Patrick McKenna
- Mr Nigel Bowen
- Mr Greg Smith
- Mr Colin Fanning
- Mr Bruce Dear
- Cr Brian Carter
- HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

- Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
- Ms Heidi Macaulay, Bulls and District Community Trust
- Ms Linda Hunter, Bulls and District Community Trust
- Mr Gary Stanley, CampFest
- Mr Ben Caldwell, Communications Coordinator
- Ms Rhonda Morris, Communications Manager
- Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager- Community Wellbeing
- Ms Carolyn Bates, Marton Community Committee
- Mr John Whittaker, Marton Community Committee

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

Mr Smith opened the meeting describing the role of the Bulls Community Committee, noting it is a conduit to Council with a small budget to improve Bulls and placemaking issues and also pointing out the process for RFS rather than actioning them.

## 2 Apologies

Apologies received from David Yates.

## 3 Public Forum

### Heidi Macauley - Bulls and Districts Community Trust

Ms Macauley talked about upcoming events in Bulls, the Festival on 10 February with live music and entertainment and the 4 July event Wearable Arts with an evening time to be confirmed at Te Matapihi.

### Gary Stanely - CampFest

CampFest will be at Bulls Domain 9, 10 & 11 February - this is where motorhomes, caravans and campers are welcomed on the Domain. CampFest is a NZ wide organisation. Opens on Friday 9th, Saturday will be a community market between 9am-3pm and Saturday night there will be live music. Aiming for 130 units this year, previous year saw 120. They charge \$10 a unit and Saturday night there will be food trucks onsite and the Rugby Club has a special licence.

### Ben Caldwell- Rangitikei District Council- Communications Coordinator

Mr Caldwell described his background and role, being stand-up comedian and having previously worked for MDC, his role is really social media at RDC. Greg described some of the social media pages that were available in Bulls including his own. Ben was thankful for the information provided at the meeting on CampFest and the Festival so he can publicise that. Ben is looking to refine the links between community events and the Council websites etc and he also sets out to advertise the process of the RFS.

### Kevin Ross- Rangitikei District Council- Chief Executive

Mr Ross likes working at RDC and he talked about his background with Whanganui District Council and since retiring he undertook work for Herenga ā Nuku, YMCA Central, Peke Waihanga, Te Araroa Trail, Whanganui Community Foundation, Tarapurahi (Bushy Park Sanctuary) and the Tararua District Council Audit & Risk Chair.

He made a point there were a number of unique businesses in Rangitikei and has enjoyed meeting with them and other businesses within the district.

His role is that he is responsible for the operations of Council and the policy/directions come from the Governors.

Kevin at that stage was happy to take questions. There were questions from Greg around whether there will be a plan to reduce costs to which Kevin replied that he could not see rates coming down but that we were in a better position than many other Councils and that budgets had been scrutinised very carefully. He noted Three Waters being currently in the budget. There are some areas that Kevin felt had been reduced to the stage where he felt they were having a negative impact on parts of Council. In talking about the RFSs Kevin said if necessary we will help write them.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

**Resolved minute number** 24/BCC/001

That the order of business include several discussion items at the end of the meeting.

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number** 24/BCC/002

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 8 November 2023 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr G Smith/HWTM A Watson. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

Brian Carter suggested that the follow up items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7 can be dropped as having been actioned. Item 10 to remain and with the explanation that the description is slightly different as a need for slowing traffic rather than counting it.

Item 4 – Ohakea is looking for a replacement person to serve on the BCC. On that basis moved

**Resolved minute number** 24/BCC/003

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings' be received.

Cr B Carter/Mr B Dear. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - January 2024

Verbal, adding he -

- Attended Marton Market Day
- Attended 2 December Bulls Xmas Parade
- Attended funeral of Deputy Chair Ettienne Lambrecht and apologised that Mayor Andy was unavailable.
- Attended 7 December Turakina CC meeting
- Attended 13 December Marton CC meeting
- That rubbish on the street seems to have improved after discussion with the vapes store. He is pleased and believes we are one of the friendliest tidiest towns and wondered whether we could challenge Feilding.
- Thanked Bruce Dear for his work on the planters and thanked Cr Calkin for his work on the Council and Community Committee.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/004**

That the Chair's Report – January 2024 be received.

Cr B Carter/Mr P McKenna. Carried

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - November 2023

Extra points raised were –

- Ratana Festival
- LTP process which should be available shortly for consultation –
- Pointed out with the resignation of Cr Calkin nominations are open now and suggested the Committee strongly should be looking to shoulder tap.
- Commented on employment of CE Kevin Ross.
- Marton Country Music Festival attracted 600 motorhomes.
- New Government is in place and still working through who does what essentially.
- Upcoming events – KiwiBurn, Gumboot Day and Highland Games all falling this following weekend.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/005**

That the Mayor's Report – 30 November 2023 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

### 9.2 Mayor's Report - 14 December 2023

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/006**

That the Mayor's Report – 14 December 2023 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Funding Schemes Update - December 2023

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/007**

That the Funding Schemes Update – December 2023 be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

### 10.2 Small Projects Fund Update - January 2024

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/008**

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update –January 2024 be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/009**

That Mr Dear be reimbursed for work/costs completed to the sum of \$349.30 for the two pots.

Cr B Carter/Mr P McKenna. Carried

## 11 Discussion Items

Addition of extra items as directed by the Chair Greg Smith.

### 11.1 Deputy Chair

Mr Smith called for volunteers there were none forthcoming so it will be tabled at the next meeting noting that Cr Carter volunteered to fill in if needed in the meantime.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/010**

That the election for deputy chair be delayed until the next meeting.

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

**11.2 Seating at Haylock Park**

Investigate the options for replacement of the plaque on the seat. Mr Dear suggested that the small project fund be used for this.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/011**

That the committee investigate the costs of the plaque and that Mr Smith follows this up.

Mr B Dear/Mr N Bowen. Carried

**11.3 Playground Equipment at Haylock Park**

A paper to come back to committee/Council following the survey and information from Sport Whanganui and Council.

**11.4 Rangitikei District Council By- Election**

Mr Smith suggested that a Meet the Candidates Night be held and asked if the BCC could use Te Matapihi for that. CE and Mayor said that would be fine.

**11.5 Bulls Community Civil Defence Plan**

Tabled for discussion and being circulated as a draft. CE Kevin Ross made the comment that knowledge of the plant/equipment available in times of a CD emergency was critical.

**The meeting closed at 8.00pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 13 March 2024.**

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Chairperson