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## **Bulls Community Committee Meeting**

# **Order Paper**

**Tuesday, 10 February 2015,  
5.30pm**

**Supper Room, Bulls Town Hall, High Street, Bulls**

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**Chair**  
Hew Dalrymple

**Membership**  
Jane Dunn, David Fraser, John Guinan, Braden Hammond, Chris Hart,  
Jodi Jamieson, Carol Lewis, Keith Scott, Heather Thorby, Andy Walker

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, (ex officio)

Councillors Rebecca McNeil and Tim Harris

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The quorum for the Bulls Community Committee is 6 plus one elected member of Council

At its meeting of 28 October 2010 Council resolved that 'The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3

**1 Welcome**

**2 Apologies**

**3 Confirmation of minutes**

**Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 9 December 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

**4 Matters arising**

**5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee**

The following recommendation was received by Council at its meeting on 29 January 2015 and was referred to staff for comment:

**14/BCC/079**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the speed limit along Parewanui Road, from the 50km/h sign to Ferry Road, be reduced to 70km/h.

**6 Report from the Sub-Committee addressing the transition issues for Samoan families into the Bulls Community**

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

**7 Community Gardens in Bulls**

At its meeting on 9 December 2014, the Committee endorsed the identification of Haylock Park as being suitable for a potential community garden. A memorandum will be presented to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 12 February 2015, with a recommendation to approve the inclusion of Haylock Park, Taumaihi Street, as an available site for establishing a community garden, subject to the application process outlined in the Policy, Community Gardens in the Rangitikei.

**8 Update on the Bulls Town Centre Plan February 2015**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-CP-7-2

**Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Bulls Town Centre Plan February 2015' be received.

## **9 Update on the Bulls Wastewater Upgrade Project Focus Group**

There is no further progress to report.

## **10 Feedback on proposed work programme for Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Community Development Trust**

A memorandum is attached

File ref: 3-GF-10

### **Recommendations**

- 1 That the memorandum 'Feedback on proposed work programme for Bulls and District Community, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Community Development Trust' be received.
- 2 That the Bulls Community Committee provides the following feedback to Council...

## **11 Response to issues raised at the previous meeting**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-1

### **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Response to issues raised at the previous meeting' be received.

## **12 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Bulls Ward**

Due to the change in date of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meetings in late 2014, there will be no update to this meeting of the Committee. An update covering November and December 2014 and January 2015 will be provided to the next meeting.

## **13 Small projects grant scheme**

The balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Bulls Ward is \$921.46 (being the allocation of \$1,193.00 minus the \$271.54 spent).

**14 General business**

**15 Notification of business for the next meeting**

**16 Next meeting**

Tuesday 10 March 2015, 5.30 pm

**17 Meeting closed**

# Attachment 1

# Rangitikei District Council

## Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 9 December 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Cr Tim Harris (Chair)  
John Guinan  
Brent Hammond  
Carol Lewis  
Keith Scott  
Heather Thorby  
Cr Rebecca McNeil

**In attendance:** Jayme Anderson

## **1 Welcome**

In the absence of Mr Dalrymple, Cr Harris took over as Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2 Apologies**

That the apologies for absence from Hew Dalrymple, Jane Dunn and His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, be received.

Mr Scott / Cr Harris. Carried

## **3 Confirmation of minutes**

**Resolved minute number**                      **14/BCC/074**                      **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 11 November 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Hammond / Mr Scott. Carried

## **4 Matters arising**

None

## **5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee**

The Committee noted that there were no recommendations from the Committee presented to Council's 27 November 2014 meeting.

## **6 Report from the Sub-Committee addressing the transition issues for Samoan families into the Bulls Community**

Cr McNeil gave an oral update to the Committee. The following points were raised:

- Liaison has begun with two Samoan ladies who have been in the area for a year.
- There is a need for information (e.g. fire safety, public toilets etc.) to be made available in the Samoan language.
- There was an issue with the induction of new arrivals. This is a work in progress.

## **7 Update on the Bulls Town Centre Plan – December 2014**

Discussion was held around the second project under the Bulls Town Centre Plan. Ms Anderson explained that this is the 'Four Corners' project.



Another application for funding from the Creative Communities Scheme will be made in March.

Feedback on the new seats and post around town has been positive. The Committee thanked Ms Dunn and Mr Guinan.

Bulls Town Centre Plan Steering Group Chair's report presented by Cr McNeil:

- Thanks to Cr Harris for sponsoring the paint for the courtyard, Tasha Falkner for painting the walls and the Scotts Ferry Rural Women for the provision of planter pots in the courtyard.
- Need to paint power boxes (three) in High Street. Ms Dunn was given the 'ok' to contact PowerCo.
- The community notice board (Notice-a-Bull) is almost ready to be set up. Approval was given by the Committee to purchase materials. Thanks to Mr Dalrymple for the donation of timber.
- The Committee approved the proposed landscaping on the corner of Criterion Street and State Highway One, outside the takeaway shop, provided the property owner agrees.
- Discussion was held around the tidying up of the kowhai tree that hangs over the roof of the Library and the Platts Pharmacy site. The area will be checked Mr Guinan, Mr Hammond and Cr Harris.

**Resolved minute number**

**14/BCC/075**

**File Ref**

**1-CP-7-2**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Bulls Town Centre Plan – December 2014' be received.

Mr Hammond / Cr Harris. Carried

## **8 Update on the Bulls Wastewater Upgrade Project Focus Group**

The Committee noted that no further progress had been made on this project since the last update.

## **9 Potential sites for Community Gardens in Bulls**

Discussion was held around the lease-type arrangement and who pays. The Committee asked if this is a 'pepper-corn' rental, specifically who is the individual.

The Committee agreed that Walker Park should not be included as a potential site for a community garden, and asked that more detail on the project be presented for approval by the Committee.

**Resolved minute number**                      **14/BCC/076**                      **File Ref**                      **1-AS-1-1**

That the report 'Potential Sites for Community Gardens in Bulls' be received.

Mr Hammond / Mr Scott. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **14/BCC/077**                      **File Ref**                      **1-AS-1-1**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends that Haylock Park be the preferred site of a community garden in Bulls.

Mr Hammond / Mr Scott. Carried

## **10 Signage Report**

Cr McNeil informed the Committee that Rangitikei Tourism want to place signs in the 100km/h zone along State Highway One and have been in contact with NZTA.

A review of the existing business signs in the 70km/h and 50km/h zones is still underway.

## **11 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Bulls Ward**

The Committee would like it noted that the use of the term 'caravan dump site' within the memorandum should be replaced with 'caravan wastewater dump site'.

**Resolved minute number**                      **14/BCC/078**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CC-1-5**

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Bulls Ward' be received.

Mr Guinan / Ms Lewis. Carried

## **12 Small projects grant scheme**

The Committee noted the balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Bulls Ward.

## **13 General business**

**J Anderson**

- Feedback from the Bulls Christmas Parade and information on upcoming events.
- Commented on the cost of the Rose Show, particularly the hire of the hall for a major community event. She will follow up on the expenses for the Rose Show.
- 'Thank You' cards will be sent to Helen Cooper and James O'Regan for organising the Christmas Parade.

**C Lewis**

- Walton Street land could be a possible Motor Home site.
- The Library ramp has become slippery with moss building up.

**Keith Scott**

- There is a major safety risk in broken pavement and substances on the pathway from the car park behind the Town Hall through to High Street. This is on Council property and needs urgent repair.
- The current car park areas behind the Library and Town Hall need to have the parking bays re-painted urgently; the white lines have almost disappeared.
- There is a need for signage to indicate heritage sites along Parewanui Road. Is this a Council responsibility or Heritage New Zealand?

**Heather Thorby**

- Mobility access signs are needed to indicate crossing points for mobility scooters.
- The rubbish bins at Rangitikei Junction are too small. Litter is spilling out and blowing up against the netting.
- The ladies toilets at Rangitikei Junction need to be monitored more closely, especially in regard to soap levels.
- There is a sharp stick near the square where a sign has broken off.
- Westpac Bank has not communicated with its local account holders on the probable closure of the Bulls Branch. There is a need for a Westpac presence/agency/service within the Bulls Community.
- What are the dates for the re-sealing of State Highway One and the installation of the pedestrian crossing?

**Brent Hammond**

- Reported on the fatal accident at Parewanui Road and the speed of traffic on this road, and Ferry Road, near Bulls. He was speaking on behalf of concerned residents and the Fire Brigade.

**Resolved minute number**

**14/BCC/079**

**File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the speed limit along Parewanui Road, from the 50km/h sign to Ferry Road, be reduced to 70km/h.

Mr Hammond / Ms Lewis. Carried

**Cr McNeil**

- Informed the Committee that there is a Night Market on 12 December.

## **14 Notification of business for the next meeting**

- Procedural motion for the election of a Deputy Chairperson as approved by the Committee at the April meeting.

## **15 Next meeting**

Tuesday 10 February 2014, 5.30 pm

## **16 Meeting closed - 7.10 pm**

Confirmed/Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attachment 2



# MEMORANDUM

TO: Bulls Community Committee

FROM: Kevin Morris

DATE: 3 February 2015

SUBJECT: **Update On The Bulls Town Centre Plan February 2015**

FILE: 1-CP-7-2

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## **1 Background**

- 1.1 This memorandum provides an update on the implementation of the Bulls Town Centre Plan.
- 1.2 The Steering Group, established by the Community Committee to provide oversight of the development of the Town Centre Plan and then re-established to implement the Plan, has been meeting monthly. The last meeting was on 2 February 2015.

## **2 Update on place-making Initiatives**

- 2.1 At the meeting the group received an update on the continuation of prototyping projects along Bridge Street. Street art has been created on the Mothered Goose building and along the fence up from the Westpac Bank building. It was reported that the bench seats, new planters and art work had been well received by the retailers and residents. Jane Dunn is to be congratulated on her creative and productive talent in producing these works of art.
- 2.2 Three further projects will be started in February. The first is the upgrade of the seats at the Cenotaph site and the second is painting of the planter boxes outside the Rat Hole car park. The third is for a bird design proposed for the fence bordering the property of the auto electrician on Bridge Street. The Community Committee will be asked to endorse the design at its meeting.
- 2.3 Jayme Anderson provided an update to the Steering Group on the youth-led project. Ten local youth are designing four cubes with themes from the town and district to strengthen up the connections of High Street and Bridge Street intersections.
- 2.4 Projects intended for place-making on the corner opposite the Criterion Hotel will be put on hold pending the final design for the multi-purpose site.
- 2.5 The Steering Group will be developing guidelines for the colour palette that would be recommended for use in any place-making projects with the aim to coordinate and develop the Bulls brand.

- 2.6 The Steering Group will also develop a communication plan to connect all stakeholders to ensure a coordinated approach is taken to future place-making projects in the town.

### **3 Update on the Multipurpose facility**

- 3.1 Jane Dunn provided a verbal update to the Steering Group on the concept plans for the BULLSi (multipurpose facility). She will provide the concept drawings as soon as possible.

### **4 Role of the Steering / Action Group going forward**

- 4.1 The Steering Group discussed its future. The Group recommends that it remains in place until the final decision on the site for the multi-purpose building has been secured. The Group also recommends that it remain to implement place -making and Town Centre Plan projects on behalf of the Community Committee.
- 4.2 The Steering Group considered a memo outlining relevant elements of Council's draft framework for the work programme with the MOU agency in Bulls, the Bulls and District Community Trust. In discussion, the importance of a coordinated approach was confirmed, and the need for good communication between all parties. It was understood that the issue would be raised at the Community Committee in the wider context of the entire MOU work programme.

### **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That the memorandum 'Update on the Bulls Town Centre Plan – February 2015' be received.

Kevin Morris  
Policy Team

# Attachment 3





**Rangitikei**  
U E P O I T Y . . .

# MEMORANDUM

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TO: Bulls Community Committees

FROM: Denise Servante

DATE: 27 January 2015

SUBJECT: **Feedback on proposed work programme for Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Community Development Trust**

FILE: 3-GF-10

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## **1 Background**

- 1.1 Rangitikei District Council has developed a Memorandum of Understanding with four key stakeholder agencies - Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Community Development Trust. Each agency currently receives a share of \$100,000 per annum set aside through the LTP. The Memorandum of Understanding sets out the expectations of each party in relation to the partnering arrangements, reporting and monitoring.
- 1.2 As part of the preparation for the Long Term Plan, Council has reviewed the MOU arrangement and, particularly, how the work programme of these agencies contributes to Council's priorities and levels of service. It has considered the attached report, "Draft work programme 2015-2018 with the MOU partner agencies for inclusion in the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan" (Appendix 1) at its meeting on 29 January 2015.
- 1.3 Council adopted the recommendations of this report which seeks feedback from the relevant Community Boards and Committees and the Town Centre Plan Steering Groups.

## **2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the memorandum "Feedback on proposed work programme for Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Community Development Trust" be received.
- 2.2 That the Bulls Community Committee provides the following feedback to Council.....

Denise Servante  
Strategy and Community Planning Manager

# *Appendix 1*

# REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Draft work programme 2015-2018 with the MOU partner agencies for inclusion in the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan

**TO:** Council

**FROM:** Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

**DATE:** 13 January 2015

**FILE:** 3-GF-10

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## 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 Council's Memorandum of Understanding with four key agencies in the District (Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Community Development Trust) provides for a part-funded work programme that aligns with Council's Levels of Service in the Community Well-being group of activities.
- 1.2 In December 2014, Council reviewed the Levels of Service for the relevant activities within the Community Well-being group of activities. It agreed to continue to contract with the MOU agencies for delivery of certain elements of the agreed Levels of Service.
- 1.3 This report suggests a framework for the work programme following initial conversations between Council staff and the MOU agencies. It suggests that Council approve the draft framework [as amended] and requests feedback from the relevant Community Committees/Boards and Town Centre Plan Steering Groups.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 Council is currently developing its Long-term Plan for 2015-25. In December, Council agreed the draft Levels of Service in the Community Partnerships and Economic Development and District Promotion activities for inclusion in the draft 2015-25 LTP.
- 2.2 Council also agreed to continue investing in the four MOU agencies<sup>1</sup> to deliver on specific elements of the Levels of Service for these two activities. Council is seeking delivery of a number of outcomes and recognised that this would require a work programme that contained elements of a "contract for service" with specific

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<sup>1</sup> Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Community Development Trust

measurable requirements and a “high trust contract” which contributes to building cohesive and resilient communities.

- 2.3 The draft Levels of Service where a contribution is sought from the MOU agencies are:

Community Partnerships Levels of Service (extract)	
What people want	Council’s intended Level of Service is to:
Opportunities for residents to remain socially and physically active into their retirement years, to enable them to stay in the District for as long as possible	Facilitate and lead on a Positive Ageing Strategy that aims to enhance quality of life for older people in the District.
Opportunities for people with children to access the quality of life they desire for their families	Facilitate and lead on a Youth Action Plan that aims to enhance quality of life for children and young people in the District
Cohesive and resilient communities that welcome and celebrate diversity	Develop high trust contracts with agencies in each of the three main towns to undertake community development
Economic development and District promotion Levels of Service (extract)	
What people want	Council’s intended Level of Service is to:
Attractive and vibrant towns that attract business and residents.	Contract with local organisations to develop and deliver events, activities and projects to enliven the towns and District.
Up to date and relevant information for visitors and residents on a range of services, activities and attractions	Contract with local organisations to provide a range of information, such as: * Up-to-date calendar of events, and * Community newsletters, for local distribution
An up to date, relevant and vibrant on line presence with information about services, activities and attractions, the District lifestyle, job opportunities and social media contacts.	Contract with local organisations to provide a website that is a gateway to the District, with links through to more local web pages, with information about living in the District and social media opportunities.

- 2.4 Council indicated that it is looking for a more focussed reporting mechanism with specific quantitative and qualitative measures. Additional consideration is given in this report to three key elements of the reporting framework, viz community development, town centre plans and the events strategy.
- 2.5 Meetings have been held with the Town Coordinators/Rangitikei Tourism Coordinator and Committee/Trust members in late December/early January to scope out an initial work programme for each agency.
- 2.6 A final draft of this report has been reviewed by the agencies and their comments noted. It is suggested that this report [as amended] is also shared with the relevant Community Committee/Board and the Town Centre Plan Steering Groups for comment before inclusion in the draft LTP.

### **3 Community Development framework**

3.1 It is suggested that Council confirms a community development framework that can be used for reporting purposes in the “high trust contract” elements of the work programme – that is building cohesive and resilient communities that welcome and celebrate diversity. The framework which was used for the Marton Community Development Programme focussed on four dimensions of community engagement that contribute to quality of life. These are:

- Personal empowerment: individual learning, knowledge, confidence and skill
- Positive action: to identify and involve groups excluded by poverty, health, race, gender, disability, age, rurality: recognising that not all groups start from a level playing field
- Community organisations: includes general activity in the community, the range, quality and effectiveness of community-based groups and organisations, and the nature and quality of their relationships with each other and the wider world
- Participation and influence: through which change in the circumstances of community life is achieved

3.2 This framework, Achieving Better Community Development (ABCD)<sup>2</sup>, is attached as Appendix 1. It places activities such as networking between agencies, community projects such as cooking classes or community gardens, participation in consultation, submission and lobbying processes and supporting capacity within community organisations, including to support specific groups (for example, teenage parents) within a community development context.

### **4 Town Centre Plans**

4.1 Council has adopted a Town Centre Plan for Bulls and is in the process of developing plans for Marton and Taihape. Council has recognised that some of the activities needed to implement the town centre plans are likely to fall naturally within the remit of the Town Coordinators<sup>3</sup>.

4.2 A meeting has been arranged for the Town Coordinators to meet with David Engwicht from Creative Communities in late January. At this meeting, the contribution from the Town Coordinators to the implementation of the Town Centre Plans will be further explored. Clearly this will need to be done in conjunction with the Community Committees/Boards and the Town Centre Plan Steering Groups. A

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<sup>2</sup> Achieving Better Community Development (ABCD) developed by the Scottish Community Development Centre: a partnership of the Community Development Foundation and the University of Glasgow.

<sup>3</sup> Council has also supported the Hunterville community to develop a place-making framework for its future development. However, it is not anticipated that the Town Coordinators or Rangitikei Tourism will be asked to formally contribute to this project.

verbal update will be provided to the Council meeting in January 2015 but some initial thoughts are provided in the following sections 6-9.

## **5 Events Strategy**

- 5.1 Council's Events Policy aims to "develop a sense of place in the Rangitikei through iconic events that reflect the diversity of the Rangitikei communities and add to the attractiveness and vibrancy of the District towns to attract businesses, residents and visitors<sup>4</sup>."
- 5.2 Council needs to develop a strategy to achieve the policy intent. Council has previously identified that events offer a great opportunity to promote and showcase the Rangitikei lifestyle and that events should be supported based on their ability to attract large numbers of local and near-local residents<sup>5</sup>.
- 5.3 On the basis of the initial conversations with the MOU agencies, the following iconic events would be assured through the MOU arrangement:
- Taihape Gumboot Day
  - Marton Harvest Festival
  - Wear-a-bull Art
  - Marton Market Day
  - A family-focussed summer event in Bulls
- 5.4 The outstanding iconic events<sup>6</sup> would need to be delivered through the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy:
- Marton Country Music festival
  - Turakina Highland Games
  - Hunterville Shemozzle
  - Mangaweka Fakes and Forgeries
  - Marton Shearing Sports
- 5.5 Council has previously identified the development of Te Ao Māori events in the District as important in a calendar of events that showcase the District. This is an aspect that remains to be considered.
- 5.6 A further category is those events which are aimed primarily at attracting locals rather than visitors. These events are not "iconic" in the sense that they would not expect to attract a large number of non-residents but nonetheless, they make a

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<sup>4</sup> Policy Manual, Community Resilience Policies

<sup>5</sup> A key factor affecting population projections is net migration. From Census data, migration to and from Rangitikei is predominantly within the Horizons region.

<sup>6</sup> Draft Economic Development Strategy [as amended 14/FPE/108]



considerable contribution to a vibrant and attractive community. An example would be the Christmas parades in each of Bulls, Marton and Taihape.

## **6 Bulls and District Community Trust**

- 6.1 BDCT has a good track record in delivering community events. The Trust is proposing that the events it would commit to deliver during 2015/16 (and indicative of its events programme for 2016/17 and 2017/18) are the Summer Concert and Picnic at the Bulls Domain, Wear-a-bull Arts (July/August) and a Matariki event (June).
- 6.2 The continuing commitment to an event to celebrate Matariki by the Trust, in conjunction with Parewahawaha Marae, could be viewed within the community development framework as an initiative which contributes both to positive action and to community organisations.
- 6.3 The Trust has produced and distributed a community-wide newsletter, Bullitinn, for several years and proposes to continue to provide this service. In addition, it has recently negotiated with Bulls and District Enterprises to take over the administration of the Unforget-a-bull website and the “-a-bull” trademarked branding. It administers a FaceBook page for Bulls.
- 6.4 The Trust has been involved with the development and implementation of the Bulls Town Centre Plan and is keen to understand what its role could be in the future. Initially, it can see a role to support retailer engagement with the footpath and to support the community in community-led place-making initiatives.
- 6.5 Over the past several years, the Trust has led on delivery of the Youth Action Plan. The Community Development Manager has a particular interest in youth development and the Trust is keen for her to be able to pursue this as the lead agency for the Youth Action Plan, district-wide.

## **7 Project Marton**

- 7.1 One of Project Marton’s key achievements in the past few years has been the revival of the Market Day (November) and development of the Harvest Festival activities (March). This is due in no small part to the skills and experience of the Project Marton Coordinator and her background in market retail as much as her event management skills. The Project Marton Committee will commit to deliver these events during 2015/16 (as indicative of its events programme for 2016/17 and 2017/18).
- 7.2 Project Marton produces an electronic and hard copy community newsletter, Marton Community News, with a growing distribution. The [www.martonNZ.com](http://www.martonNZ.com) website is incorporated into the [www.rangitikei.com](http://www.rangitikei.com) site. It is updated by Project Marton which also administers the Marton FaceBook presence.

- 7.3 The Project Marton co-Chair and the Coordinator have been involved with the development of the Marton Town Centre Plan. The Plan is due to be adopted by Council for consultation by the end of February. It has already achieved a degree of consensus within the town and it seems likely that the focus for implementation in the coming years will be to develop the “Boutique Town” identity. This will involve developing pop-up shops and improving retailer engagement with the footpath<sup>7</sup>.
- 7.4 It seems appropriate to leverage off the strengths of the Project Marton Coordinator in market retail and ask her to lead on these initiatives in Marton and to provide support and guidance for similar initiatives District-wide. The Project Marton Committee have indicated that this would align with their strategic vision.
- 7.5 Project Marton has also been involved over the past few years with the Marton Connections Project and developed a number of initiatives relating to health and social welfare services in the southern Rangitikei. Not least of these is the coordination of the monthly networking meetings for social welfare agencies that provide services in the town. Project Marton has indicated that it would wish to continue in this facilitative role. This would be considered within the community development framework, contributing across all four dimensions.

## **8 Rangitikei Tourism**

- 8.1 The relationship between Council and Rangitikei Tourism, although contractually the same, is somewhat different to the relationship with the other MOU agencies. Rangitikei Tourism’s purpose, as contained within its rules, is “to promote the Rangitikei as a visitor destination and a great place to be”. Rangitikei Tourism necessarily relies upon a membership subscription to augment any funding received from Council. This is because the nature of its purpose does not lend itself to seeking philanthropic funding as readily as the other MOU agencies which have the wider community development remit.
- 8.2 Council funding over the recent past has been focussed on supporting the development and maintenance of a District web-portal through [www.rangitikei.com](http://www.rangitikei.com). This contributes directly to the Levels of Service that Council is suggesting will enable it to meet the broad view of its statutory purpose: the provision of local public services in a cost effective fashion. In addition, Rangitikei Tourism has undertaken to use the website for District-wide promotion and not just to promote the business interests of its members.
- 8.3 This proposed work programme has the same focus on the web presence for promotional purposes and it already bears many similarities to a “contract for service”. The development of more specific outcomes, for example around the maintenance of a calendar of events, provides assurance that there is no “creep” of

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<sup>7</sup> It is likely to also involve a number of community-led place-making initiatives involving heritage buildings but Creative Communities have indicated that Council needs to lead a “coalition of the willing” to initiate this.



ratepayer funding beyond the broad role established by Council as legitimate to its purpose.

- 8.4 Rangitikei Tourism has indicated that it will continue to develop and maintain [www.rangitikei.com](http://www.rangitikei.com) as the web-portal for promoting the District as place to live, visit and do business. It has also undertaken to coordinate a calendar of District-wide events as part of its arrangement with Council. It also maintains FaceBook and Twitter pages associated with the website.
- 8.5 Rangitikei Tourism will continue to support and develop visitor attractions, such as the Gorges To Sea bike trail, and take part in District promotions, for example, providing information on activities and attractions at local events. However, these activities primarily benefit tourism/hospitality businesses and do not form part of Council's formal MOU arrangement with the agency.
- 8.6 Rangitikei Tourism has also indicated that it would welcome a greater emphasis on District promotion from Council and would like to be able to undertake more District-wide promotional activities. Council will be aware that its draft economic development strategy identified District promotion as one of five key result areas. So, there is a wider discussion to be held about a District promotion strategy which it may expected will contain Rangitikei Tourism as a key stakeholder, if not lead agency. These discussions will form part of the consultation on the economic development strategy and ultimately the Long Term Plan.

## **9 Taihape Community Development Trust**

- 9.1 Firstly, it needs to be acknowledged that Taihape is the ward that is being most affected by the demographic changes in the District. These have been well-documented elsewhere. In summary, Taihape is experiencing the sharp edge of urbanisation: the population shift towards the southern Rangitikei and the surrounding population centres of Feilding, Palmerston North and Whanganui. The population is declining at a faster rate than elsewhere in the District, with an increasingly high proportion of Māori<sup>8</sup>. The proportion of older (65+ years) people in the Taihape community is not rising as fast as elsewhere in the District<sup>9</sup>.
- 9.2 Secondly, tangata whenua in the Taihape rohe are in the midst of the Treaty Settlement process. Given the experience elsewhere in the District and in New Zealand, this will create a dynamic within the community for the next few years which Council needs to bear in mind.

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<sup>8</sup> Census 2013 indicates 40% of the population in Taihape is Māori c.f. 25% District-wide

<sup>9</sup> Census 2013 indicates 14% of the population in Taihape is 65+ c.f. 17% District-wide. This is associated with the higher proportion of Māori in the population due to a lower median age compared to the non-Māori population. This is also indicative of health inequalities which lead to a reduced life expectancy for Māori people. The proportion of people 65+ in the non-Māori population is consistent across the District (20%).

- 9.3 Finally, Taihape is struggling to achieve a consensus within the community over the future direction for its community and leisure assets and the other Council services that are under review as part of the Town Centre Plan.
- 9.4 These factors mean that there are significant challenges in Taihape around “building a cohesive and resilient community that welcomes and celebrates diversity”.
- 9.5 The Trust Manager is an extremely knowledgeable and experienced community development practitioner who is well-placed, with the support of Council and Trust members, to focus on delivering community development outcomes in Taihape. She is also well-placed to provide a support and advice role in this area District-wide.
- 9.6 The Trust Manager chairs the Enjoying Life in the Rangitikei theme group and has led on the Taihape Connections project. This latter involves working to support better information about and co-ordination of community health and social welfare services in town. Half of the original grant from the Ministry of Social Development for Taihape Connections remains unspent within the Trust: achievements to date include developing a community services database, facilitating the monthly networking meetings and chairing the Rangitikei Housing Advisory Group (Older People’s Housing Needs Survey and Focus Groups) within the Positive Ageing Strategy.
- 9.7 The Trust and its Manager are sensitive to the need for the Trust to develop its credibility as a community development agency in the town if it is to have success in this area. An important first step has been to recruit a full complement of Trustees from a cross-section of the community. The development of an agreed work programme which focusses on community development outcomes will be another key milestone.
- 9.8 TCDT has a good track record in delivering community events. The Trust is proposing that the events it would commit to deliver during 2015/16 (and indicative of its events programme for 2016/17 and 2017/18) are Gumboot Day (March) and the Christmas Parade.
- 9.9 A number of other events are supported in the town by the Trust. These contribute to the positive action and community organisations dimensions of the ABCD framework. Council has previously supported Te Ao Māori events in Taihape through its MOU with Mokai Patea Services and this may be an area where the Trust can provide community development support if needed.
- 9.10 The Trust also supports a number of initiatives and events to support retailers in the town. It is open to seeing how these may be reviewed in the context of the Taihape Town Centre Plan, once it is finalised.
- 9.11 The Trust produces an electronic and hard copy community newsletter, Talk Up Taihape, and proposes to continue to provide this service. The [www.taihape.co.nz](http://www.taihape.co.nz) website is linked to [www.rangitikei.com](http://www.rangitikei.com). It administers a FaceBook page for Taihape and for Gumboot Day.

## **10 Comment**

- 10.1 One of the initial intentions of the MOU arrangement was to generate a "team spirit" amongst the Town/Rangitikei Tourism Coordinators and encourage working together on District-wide initiatives. The allocation of lead responsibility to these agencies according to their strengths and the opportunities within each area of expertise will support this aspiration.
- 10.2 A summary of the draft work programmes is attached as Appendix 2 and 3. Appendix 2 details the outline work programme for Community Partnerships related work. It is in the nature of a "high trust contract" and reporting will be in a narrative format. Each MOU agency will be asked to identify areas for focus for the coming year but these will not be prescriptive in the spirit of the MOU agreement that "Council does not seek to influence the priorities each partnering organisation has at any time". Such an arrangement recognises that delivery of the work programme will to some extent be dependent upon success in external fundraising and emerging community priorities.
- 10.3 Appendix 3 details the outline work programme for the Economic development and District promotion activity. It is in the nature of a "contract for service" and quantitative and qualitative performance measures need to be added.
- 10.4 As previously outlined, one of the consequences of a prescriptive contract for service is that Council can expect to pay a higher proportion of the costs of these outcomes. It is suggested that the overall split between the work programmes outlined in Appendices 2 and 3 is likely to be 40:60 respectively i.e. a greater proportion to be allocated to the "contract for service" elements of the MOU arrangements.

## **11 Next steps**

- 11.1 Feedback on this report [as amended] will be sought from the Marton and Bulls Community Committees and Taihape Community Board in February. Feedback on those elements that relate directly to the Town Centre Plans will be sought from the Town Centre Plan Steering Groups.
- 11.2 The summary draft work programme will then be included in the draft 2015-25 LTP for consultation. The MOU agencies will be invited to submit their final proposed work programmes as part of the submissions process, for confirmation in the final LTP.

## **12 Recommendations**

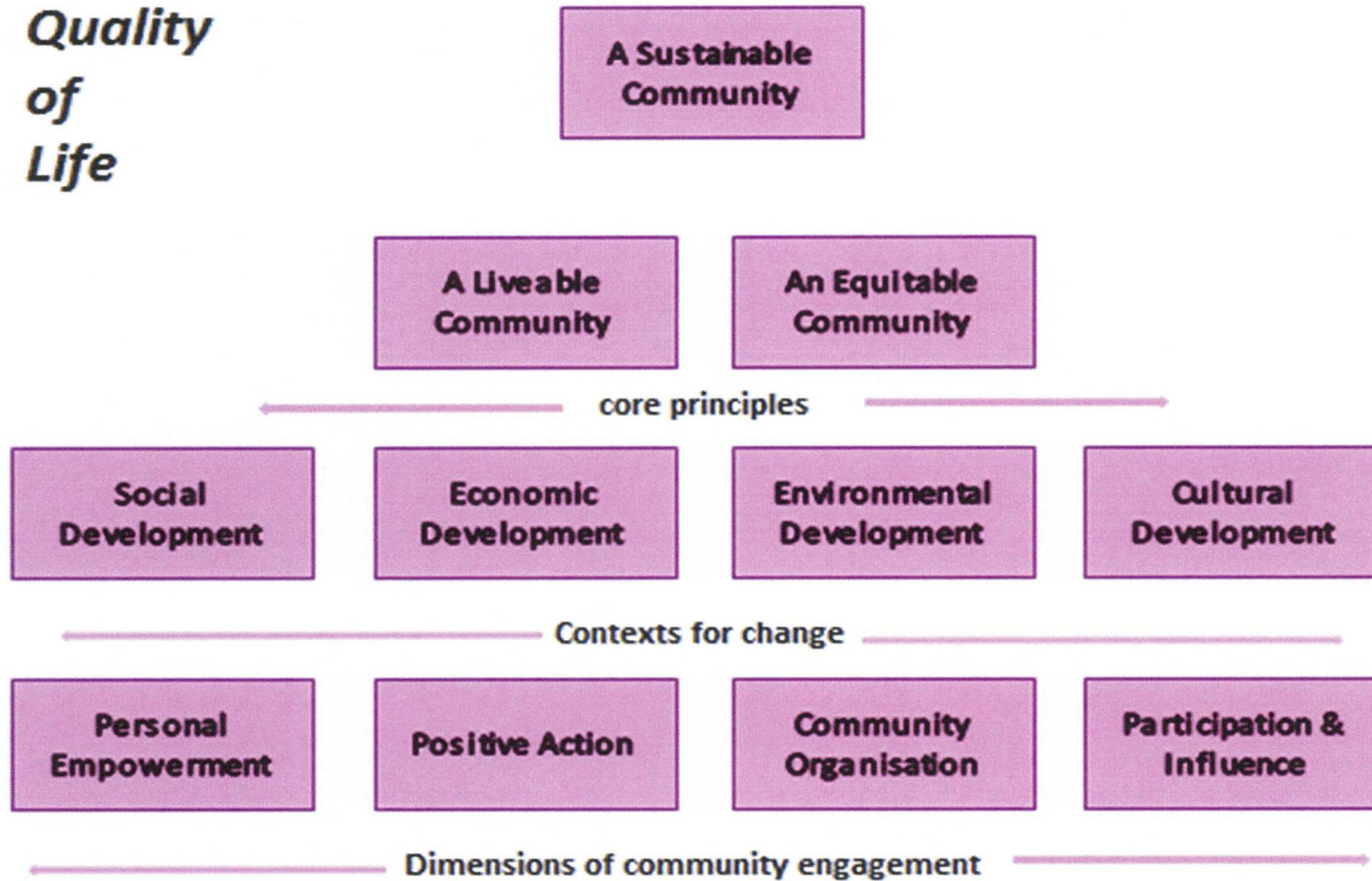
- 12.1 That the report on “Draft work programme 2015-2018 with the MOU partner agencies for inclusion in the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan” be received.
- 12.2 That the Council confirms the draft work programme [as amended] and invites the Marton and Bulls Community Committees, the Taihape Community Board, the Marton, Bulls and Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Groups to provide comment during February 2015.

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Appendix 1: Achieving Better Community Development framework

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## Appendix 2: Draft work programme for Community Partnerships Activity

Community Partnerships Levels of Service (extract)				
Council's intended Level of Service is to:	Contribution sought from BDCT	Contribution sought from Project Marton	Contribution sought from Rangitikei Tourism	Contribution sought from TCDT
Facilitate and lead on a Positive Ageing Strategy that aims to enhance quality of life for older people in the District.	Contribute as appropriate	Contribute as appropriate		Chair of Rangitikei Housing Action Group
Facilitate and lead on a Youth Action Plan that aims to enhance quality of life for children and young people in the District	Lead partner on delivery of Youth Action Plan	Contribute as appropriate		Contribute as appropriate
Develop high trust contracts with agencies in each of the three main towns to undertake community development	Report on initiatives within ABCD framework: - Building skills and confidence - Developing networks and organisations - Positive action - Participation and influence	Report on initiatives within ABCD framework: - Building skills and confidence - Developing networks and organisations - Positive action - Participation and influence		Report on initiatives within ABCD framework: - Building skills and confidence - Developing networks and organisations - Positive action - Participation and influence Chair of Enjoying Life in the Rangitikei theme group. Support and advice on community development in Marton and Bulls

### Appendix 3: Draft work programme for Economic development and District promotion Activity

Economic development and District promotion Levels of Service (extract)				
Council's intended Level of Service is to:	Contribution sought from BDCT	Contribution sought from Project Marton	Contribution sought from Rangitikei Tourism	Contribution sought from TCDT
Contract with local organisations to develop and deliver events, activities and projects to enliven the towns and District.	Support for community-led place-making initiatives in Bulls Support for initiatives to facilitate retailer engagement with the footpath Delivery of two iconic events	Manage delivery of Marton as a Boutique Town, viz pop-up shops and engagement of retailers with the footpath. Support and advise on CBD revitalisation in Bulls and Taihape Delivery of two iconic events	Lead partner for dissemination of information promoting the District as a place to live, visit and do business in at iconic events	Support for community-led place-making initiatives in Taihape Support for initiatives to facilitate retailer engagement with the footpath Delivery of one iconic event
Contract with local organisations to provide a range of information, such as: * Up-to-date calendar of events, and * Community newsletters	Production and distribution of Bullitinn. Contribute to the maintenance of the calendar of events	Production and distribution of Marton Community News. Contribute to the maintenance of the calendar of events	Coordination and delivery of up-to-date calendar of events	Production and distribution of Talk Up Taihape Contribute to the maintenance of the calendar of events
Contract with local organisations to provide a website that is a gateway to the District, with links through to more local web pages, and social media opportunities.	Maintenance and development of <a href="http://unforgetabull.co.nz/">http://unforgetabull.co.nz/</a> website and associated FaceBook pages	Maintenance and development of <a href="http://www.martonNZ.com">www.martonNZ.com</a> website and associated FaceBook pages	Lead partner on District web-portal via <a href="http://www.rangitikei.com">www.rangitikei.com</a> Maintenance and development of District-wide pages (with links to Bulls, Marton and Taihape websites)	Maintenance and development of <a href="http://www.taihape.co.nz">www.taihape.co.nz</a> website and associated FaceBook pages

# Attachment 4



# MEMORANDUM

TO: Bulls Community Committee

FROM: Samantha Whitcombe

DATE: 21 January 2015

SUBJECT: **Response to issues raised at the previous meeting**

FILE: 3-CC-1-1

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## **1 Summary**

- 1.1 During the general discussion at its meeting on 9 December 2014, the Committee brought several issue to council's attention. Below is the response/action to these issues.

## **2 Library Ramp**

- 2.1 The issue of the ramp at the library becoming slippery with moss build up was raised.
- 2.2 This issue was dealt with through the Request for Service system. Moss was removed from the ramp on 24 December 2014.

## **3 Walkway through to High Street from the Town Hall**

- 3.1 Broken pavement and substances on the pathway from the car park behind the Town Hall through to High Street was raised as an issue.
- 3.2 This issue was dealt with through the Request for Service system. Prices are currently being obtained for this work and a further update will be provided to a future meeting of the Committee.

## **4 Re-painting of Parking Bays**

- 4.1 The car park areas behind the Library and Town Hall need to have the parking bays re-painted.
- 4.2 This issue was dealt with through the Request for Service system. The re-painting of the parking bays behind the Library and Town Hall was added to the work programme for the 2014/15 year. It was completed on Sunday 25 January 2015

## **5 Heritage Signage**

- 5.1 The need for signage to indicate heritage sites along Parewanui Road was raised, and whether or not this was the responsibility of Council or Heritage New Zealand.
- 5.2 The Committee is asked to provide further detail on these sites (e.g. where exactly they are, the name of the site and the type of signage requested). Some investigation work will be done once the specific sites are known. Heritage New Zealand signage is typically confined to the properties they administer.

## **6 Mobility Access Signs**

- 6.1 The need for mobility access signs to indicate crossing points for mobility scooters was raised.
- 6.2 This issue was dealt with through the Request for Service system. The following response was received from council's Rooding Operations Manager:

*A legal pedestrian crossing would be the obvious location for a safe crossing point for mobility scooters. To install signage to locate a safe crossing for mobility scooters anywhere other than a legal pedestrian crossing would not be appropriate. A pedestrian crossing is the only safe place for pedestrians/mobility scooters to cross a road as motorists are therefore legally required to stop. If one is not available, all pedestrians need to take care when crossing.*

*Council should ensure that there are adequately constructed 'pram crossings' on the corners so as to enable safe passage from the footpath on to the road pavement for this mode of transport.*

- 6.3 The installation of a pedestrian crossing across Bridge Street, outside of Rangitikei Junction, is planned for the near future.
- 6.4 A request was also received, via phone conversation, for the pram crossing in High Street to be inspected with the view of installing measures to prevent parking at these junctions. Council's Rooding Team have inspected the sites and have agreed to install 'No Parking' markings at the pram crossing and broken yellow lines at the adjacent vehicle crossing.

## **7 Rangitikei Junction**

- 7.1 Soap levels in the ladies toilets and the size of the rubbish bins at Rangitikei Junction were raised as issues at the meeting.
- 7.2 Both of these issues were dealt with through the Request for Service system. A closer eye will be kept on the soap levels in the toilets by council's contracted cleaners has been arranged. The rubbish bins at Rangitikei Junction do not belong to Council and the emptying of these bins is not contracted out by Council. The emptying of these bins is contracted out by Wallace Development directly to Fulton Hogan.

- 7.3 Contact has been made with Wallace Development and an additional rubbish bin is to be installed.

**8 Recommendation**

- 8.1 That the memorandum 'Response to issues raised at the previous meeting' be received.

Samantha Whitcombe  
Governance Administrator