



# Rangitikei District Council

## Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 9 June 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Mr H Dalrymple (Chair)  
Mr J Guinan  
Mr B Hammond  
Ms J Jamieson  
Mr K Scott  
Ms H Thorby  
Cr Tim Harris  
Cr Rebecca McNeil

**Apologies:** Ms S Boxall, Ms J Dunn and Ms C Lewis.

**In attendance:** K Sherriff  
Ms A Sidey

**Tabled Item:** Item 11: Current infrastructure projects/upgrades

## 1 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

That the apologies for absence from Ms J Dunn, Ms S Boxall and Ms C Lewis be received.

Ms J Jamieson / Ms H Thorby. Carried

## 3 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	15/BCC/022	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 12 May 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr K Scott / Ms H Thorby. Carried

## 4 Matters arising

Nil

## 5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations from the Committee presented to Council's meeting on 28 May 2015.

## 6 Bulls Town Centre Plan

The Committee noted the following:

- Fundraising programme being planned;
- Community consultation essential in near future;
- More details due July-August 2015.

## 7 Update on the Bulls Wastewater Upgrade Project Focus Group

The Committee noted that resource consents had been lodged. The agenda note included comment that there would be discharge of wastewater to groundwater by seepage from the wastewater treatment plant ponds and the rapid Infiltration Basin. The Committee looked for clarification on what that meant.

## 8 Council responses to queries at previous meeting

The agenda note provided a brief update on the proposed pedestrian crossing on SH-1 and the cleaning of footpaths. The Committee looked forward to the completion of the crossing by the end of June.

## 9 Bulls Gaol Update June 2015

Consideration was given to the improvements around the Gaol and it was suggested that this area could become an “anchor for travellers experience” and “linger node” as per the Bulls Town Centre Plan.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/BCC/023**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-4**

That the memorandum ‘Bulls Gaol Update – June 2015’ be received.

Mr K Scott / Ms H Thorby. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/BCC/024**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-4**

That the balance of \$13,000 budget for the Bulls Gaol Exterior Refurbishment be used to paint the existing fence landscape the site and install seating.

Mr K Scott / Mr H Thorby. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/BCC/025**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-4**

That only the Cabbage Trees and other overgrown shrubs on the Bulls Courthouse and Gaol Reserve be removed and the site tidied; and that the Council’s Parks & Reserves Team Leader consult with the Bulls Community Committee on future landscaping of grounds.

Mr B Hammond / Ms J Jamieson. Carried

## 10 Residents' Surveys 2015

A brief discussion was held in respect of the report and the following points were noted:

- Exact time period of survey was missing;
- Was the survey of residents/ratepayers;
- Size of sample surveyed;
- Issue of Bulls Domain raised (refer to Service Request 13.9)

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

A memorandum was be tabled at the meeting. Clarification was sought on whether the Bulls Domain area was included in the "Community Apportionment \$319, 318; Fergusson Street new".

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/BCC/026**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CC-1-5**

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

Cr T Harris / Mr J Guinan. Carried

## 12 Small projects grant scheme

The balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Bulls Ward was \$473.81 (being the allocation of \$1,193.00 minus the \$719.19 spent).<sup>1</sup>

In discussion it was agreed that the remaining balance should be approximately \$173.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/BCC/027**                      **File Ref**

That the balance of the Bulls Community Committee's small project fund (\$173) for 2014/15 be spent on paint and potting mix to maintain Town Centre Projects.

Mr B Hammond / Ms J Jamieson. Carried

## 13 General business

The following matters were raised:

### Mr Dalrymple

- Expressed concern relating to the continuing "leaking loo" at Wallace Development site. Mr Hammond advised he would follow the matter up with the Council. It was suggested that the issue could be a product failure.

### Ms Thorby

- Expressed concern in regard to tagging and tidiness of the town and the proliferation of bill boards on the main roads. It was suggested that the Council's regulations were not being followed and that there needed to be improved methods of road signage for local firms. It was believed that the Council needed to be proactive in respect of its Control of

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<sup>1</sup> At its meeting on 12 May 2015 the Committee asked for clarification as to whether the \$300 payable to the Bulls Museum was included in the \$473.81 balance. The agenda note for this item confirmed that the \$300 payable to the Bulls Museum was not included in the \$473.81 balance of the Scheme

Advertising Signage Bylaw 2013 adding that New Zealand Transport Agency had its own bylaws. It was suggested that the Council give due consideration to enforcing its Signage Bylaw.

#### **Councillor McNeil**

- Apprised members on the Business Development meeting of the Rangitikei District Council. The Committee requested that their members receive notification of these meetings.

#### **Ms A Sidey**

- Advised the Committee on the pending appointment of a new Business Development Manager for the Bulls & Districts Community Trust and the communication systems with the Bulls Community Committee for the new appointee.

#### **Mr Dalrymple**

- Queried the status of the local full time Police presence in Bulls.

#### **Mr Hammond**

- Gave notice of the Fireman's Ball on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2015.
- Presented a summary of New Zealand Fire Service review of structure of Service. He expressed concern regarding the urban versus rural fire service under the Rangitikei District Council administration.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/BCC/028**                      **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee considers it is important to maintain the Rural Fire Service as locally based with Rangitikei District Council.

Mr Dalrymple / Ms Thorby. Carried

## **14 Service Requests**

- 14.1 That maintenance be undertaken at the Bulls Domain on the fences, gates and fixtures.
- 14.2 That the tagging on lampposts near Beckles on State Highway 1 and near the Medical Centre be removed.
- 14.3 That the advertising signage on State Highways 1 and 3 be monitored to ensure Bylaw requirements were being met.
- 14.4 That the damaged Holland Crescent 'Give way' sign be mended.

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

- Landscaping concepts for Gaol site.

## **16 Next meeting**

Tuesday 14 July 2015, 5.30 pm

## **17 Meeting closed – 7.30pm**

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

Date: