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Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Order Paper

**Tuesday, 9 June 2015,
5.30pm**

Supper Room, Bulls Town Hall, High Street, Bulls

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Chair

Hew Dalrymple

Membership

Sandra Boxall, Jane Dunn, David Fraser, John Guinan, Braden Hammond, 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 12 May 2015 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

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

6 Bulls Town Centre Plan

7 Update on the Bulls Wastewater Upgrade Project Focus Group

The following resource consents have been lodged with Horizons Regional Council for the Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- Discharge of treated wastewater to the Rangitikei River.
- Discharge of odours and aerosols to the air arising from the operation of the treatment plant.
- Discharge of wastewater to groundwater by seepage from the wastewater treatment plant ponds and Rapid Infiltration Basin.
- The construction of a land passage facility and a Rapid Infiltration Basin, armouring of parts of the bund embankment of the treatment plant.

In addition, an application to extend the designation to cover the discharge channel and Rapid Infiltration Basin has been lodged with Rangitikei District Council.

8 Council responses to queries at previous meeting

Proposed Pedestrian Crossing for State Highway 1

NZTA have confirmed that the pedestrian refuge for State Highway one will be installed before the end of June 2015.

Cleaning of Footpaths in Bulls

On 15 May 2015 a Request for Service was received from the Committee regarding dirty and uneven footpaths on Bridge Street and Main Street, Bulls. A new Street Cleaning contract will be tendered at the end of June 2015 which will address this issue.

9 Bulls Gaol Update June 2015

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 6-CF-4

Recommendation

- 1 That the memorandum 'Bulls Gaol Update – June 2015' be received.
- 2 That the remaining budget for the Bulls Gaol Exterior Refurbishment be used to ...
- 3 That the cabbage trees on the Bulls Courthouse and Gaol Reserve be removed, and the Council's Parks & Reserves Team Leader recommend suitable replacement plantings for this area.

10 Residents' Surveys 2015

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-FR-1

Recommendation

That the memorandum "Residents' Surveys 2015" be received.

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

A memorandum will be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation

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

12 Small projects grant scheme

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

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. Council staff confirm that the \$300 payable to the Bulls Museum is not included in the \$473.81 balance of the Scheme.

The allocation of the Small Projects Grant Scheme is for the period 1 July to 30 June each year. Any unspent funds at the end of this period cannot be carried over to the following financial year. A new allocation is provided to the Committee on 1 July each year.

If the Committee wishes to spend any of the remaining balance of the Scheme for the 2014/15 year, invoices need to be received by Council by the end of June 2015.

13 General business

14 Notification of business for the next meeting

15 Next meeting

Tuesday 14 July 2015, 5.30 pm

16 Meeting closed

Attachment 1

Rangitikei District Council

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Minutes – Tuesday 12 May 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

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Present:

Mr Hew Dalrymple (Chair)
 Ms Sandra Boxall
 Ms Jane Dunn
 Mr John Guinan
 Ms Jodi Jamieson
 Mr Keith Scott
 Ms Heather Thorby
 Cr Tim Harris
 His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance:

Mr Kevin Morris, Policy Team
 Ms Jayme Anderson, Bulls Community Development Manager

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

That the apologies for absence from Mr B Hammond, Ms C Lewis, Mr A Walker and Cr McNeil be received.

Ms H Thorby / Ms J Dunn. Carried

3 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number

15/BCC/020

File Ref

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 14 April 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr K Scott / Ms J Dunn. Carried

4 Matters arising

- It was confirmed that the tree between the Bulls Library and Platts Pharmacy had been removed.
- The Committee discussed toilet signage in the Bulls Library. His Worship the Mayor confirmed that signage for the toilets would not occur.

5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted that there were no recommendations from the Committee presented to Council's meeting on 30 April 2015.

6 Bulls Town Centre Plan

His Worship the Mayor spoke to the item, confirming that the Criterion Hotel site had been purchased, and that Mr H Dalrymple and Mr J Turkington were joint ventures partners with Council in the project.

His Worship the Mayor thanked the Bulls Town Centre Plan Steering Group, Ms J Dunn, Mr K Morris (RDC) and Ms D Servante (RDC) for their role in this process. He informed the Committee that there would be further community consultation after the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan has been adopted by Council.

7 Update on the Bulls Wastewater Upgrade Project Focus Group

The Committee noted that there was no progress to report at this stage.

8 Council responses the queries raised at the previous meeting

No verbal update on the proposed pedestrian crossing for State Highway One was provided to the meeting. The Committee asked for an update to be brought to the June 2015 meeting.

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

Resolved minute number **15/BCC/021** File Ref 3-CC-1-5

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

Mr K Scott / Ms H Thorby. Carried

10 Small projects grant scheme

The Committee noted the balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Bulls Ward, and requested clarification as to whether the \$300 payable to the Bulls Museum was included in the \$473.81 balance.

11 General business

Ms J Anderson

- Informed the Committee of her resignation as the Bulls Community Development Manager due to another career opportunity. The process for finding a replacement is underway.

Cr Harris

- Spoke to the Committee on the upgrade to the Bulls Gaol and the budget of \$30,000. The Committee discussed the requirements for Heritage New Zealand and the concept of an iron roof. Ms Prince is chasing up a contractor to get the job done.
- Informed the Committee that there are firewood rounds available at the Domain.

His Worship the Mayor

- Informed the Committee of the application from Meridian Energy Ltd for extend time to build a wind farm in the Moawhango Valley area.
- Informed the Committee that the roading maintenance contract for the District was currently being discussed by Council.

Mr J Guinan

- Explained the issues with maintenance at the Bulls Skateboard Park and the demolition of one of the ramps.

Ms H Thorby

- Informed the Committee of a Pink Ribbon Breakfast on 31 May 2015 and new businesses to the town.

Mr K Scott

- Raised the following issues that would be put into Council as Requests for Service:
 - A shortage of cups and saucers in the Bulls Supper Room.
 - The uneven and dirty paving/footpaths on Bridge and Main streets.
 - The graffiti/tagging in several locations near the centre of town.

Ms J Dunn

- Expressed her thanks to the Bulls Town Centre Plan Steering Group.

Mr H Dalrymple

- Informed the meeting of localised flooding on Parewanui Road and the risk of aquaplaning.
- Informed the Committee that there is no one at the Bulls Police Station full-time.

12 Notification of business for the next meeting

- Update on the pedestrian crossing on State Highway One
- Progress on the Bulls Gaol

13 Next meeting

Tuesday 9 June 2015, 5.30 pm

14 Meeting closed – 7.10 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 2



MEMORANDUM

TO: Bulls Community Committee

FROM: Gaylene Prince

DATE: 3 June 2015

SUBJECT: **Bulls Gaol Update June 2015**

FILE: 6-CF-4

1 Bulls Gaol Refurbishment

- 1.1 McIlwaines Building Solutions advise that they hope to complete the carpentry work on the Bulls Gaol before the end of next week. Items to be completed are the roof vent cowls, the barge flashings, and baseboards. Exterior painting (similar colour to present colour scheme) will then be carried out as weather permits.
- 1.2 As previously advised, this quote was well within budget with approximately \$13,000 remaining. It is suggested that this remaining funding could be utilised to paint the existing fence (particularly if the cabbage trees are removed; see item 2 below), install a fence and gate across the front, install a path, or contribute towards the internal upgrade. A recommendation of preferred priorities is sought from the Committee.

2 Cabbage Trees

- 2.1 A request has been received from the Four Square owner to have the cabbage trees that are planted in the Reserve section along the boundaries of his site on the Wallace Development block, removed. Dropped foliage is creating a nuisance with regards to access ways, guttering etc on both the Four Square and Courthouse/Gaol sites. Photos are attached in Appendix A.
- 2.2 Mr Gerry Scully has been approached (as lessee of the Courthouse) and agrees that these trees do create a mess and perhaps it is time they were replaced with something else.
- 2.3 It is suggested that the cabbage trees be removed, and that the new Parks & Reserves Team Leader (to commence in July) recommend suitable plantings for this site.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the memorandum 'Bulls Gaol Update – June 2015' be received.
- 3.2 That the remaining budget for the Bulls Gaol Exterior Refurbishment be used to ...

- 3.3 That the cabbage trees on the Bulls Courthouse and Gaol Reserve be removed, and the Council's Parks & Reserves Team Leader recommend suitable replacement plantings for this area.

Gaylene Prince
Community & Leisure Services Team Leader

Appendix 1



Attachment 3



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bulls Community Committee

FROM: Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager.

DATE: 3 June 2015

SUBJECT: **Residents' Surveys 2015**

FILE: 5-FR-1

Background

Council undertakes an annual survey of residents as part of its performance reporting. The survey focusses on providing an indication of whether Council's performance was improving in areas of concern against a benchmark of the previous year. The areas of concern were those where Council's budget was greatest (roading) or where it was aiming to make changes (community and leisure assets).

The surveys are undertaken during March each year to provide timely input into the annual planning and reporting processes. Full copies of the survey results are available on the website at www.rangitikei.govt.nz. This memo presents the summary reporting information. It includes information where the result from Bulls was significantly different to the District-wide result.

Summary of key results

1 District roading network and footpaths

Residents were asked to rate eight statements regarding the roading network. All eight statements received ratings of "better than last year" in 2015 when compared with the 2014. Eighteen per cent of respondents felt that the roads were more attractive and well maintained than last year, an increase of three percentage points since 2014 and six percentage points from the first survey in 2012. This statement has achieved year on year "better than last year" approval ratings from the survey. In the 2014 survey, none of other statements had achieved the target to improve their "better than last year" ratings. This was reversed in 2015 with all the other statements improving on the 2014 ratings. Two statements ("Roads in Rangitikei allow people to travel safely" and "There is sufficient street lighting to allow people to travel safely") continued an overall trend of improvement in 2015 rising to 12% and 9% from a low point in 2012 of 5% and 7% respectively. Two of the statements ("Roads are free of potholes and loose gravel" and "The roading corridor is being well-managed for the long term") achieved ratings as high as in 2012 (16% and 11%) from their low points in 2014. The final three statements ("Footpaths are smooth and

lighting and being well sign posted could also be an influencing factor, as significantly more residents mentioned this than last.

Measures for sports fields, parks and reserves have remained consistent with results from 2014. As have measures for public libraries.

In terms of community buildings, after results being consistent over the past couple of years, this year sees an increase in residents rating this as worse than last year. Causes for this drop in ratings could be linked to the significant increases in residents mentioning the buildings need upgrading and money spent on the building is costly and not required. Significant increases can also be seen in residents rating the sustainability for the future of these buildings as worse than last year.

Awareness of community housing continues to remain low, with more than half of residents unable to rate these. However, a significant increase this year can be seen in residents mentioning community housing is badly maintained, unsuitable and small. A significant decrease can also be seen in residents thinking Council's provision for the future needs of community housing is worse than last year.

A relatively high proportion of residents (10% or greater) perceive that Council performance in swimming pools and public libraries is "better than last year". This suggests that these services are meeting, or exceeding, the expectations of the community.

Conversely, a relatively high proportion of residents (10% or greater) perceive that Council performance in sports fields, parks and reserves and community buildings is "worse than last year". This suggests that Council needs to improve its focus in these areas.

Interestingly, relatively high proportions of residents (10% or greater) perceive that Council's performance in public toilets and roading and footpaths is either better than last year or worse than last year. This polarisation is most likely to demonstrate that where Council has attempted to make improvements these have been recognised. In some cases, this has meant that the same service in a different area can be seen to be worse than last year.

For example, significant increases can be seen in residents rating the maintenance and upkeep and location and accessibility of public toilets as better than last year. However, an increase can also be seen in residents mentioning the facilities need upgrading; there has also been a significant increase in the number of residents who think that Council's provision for the future needs of public toilets is better than last year.

Recommendation

That the memorandum "Residents' Surveys 2015" be received.

comfortable to use for all users”, “Sealed roads are smooth and comfortable to ride on” and “Unsealed roads are adequately maintained”) are still scoring much lower satisfaction ratings than the high point in 2012 (12%, 11% and 5% compared to 25%, 25% and 12% respectively).

Bulls’ urban residents are more likely to think the maintenance of unsealed roads is better than last year (13% cf. total, 5%)

2 Public swimming pools

All swimming pool measures have decreased this year from consistently high ratings over the past three years. Customer service (19%), and cleanliness and maintenance (15%) and location and accessibility (5%), although lower than last year, remain higher than the low point in 2012 of 13%, 11% and 3% respectively. Programmed activities (10%) and opening hours (12%) are perceived as worse than last year, significantly lower than the high point in 2014 (19%) and 2012 (18%) respectively.

Bulls’ urban residents (53% cf. total, 35%) are more likely to now know if there were any changes to the future provisions for swimming pools in the last year.

3 Sports fields, parks and reserves

The additional facilities at the fields, parks and reserves are considered better than last year by 9% of residents, although not statistically significant, this is a 3% increase from last year.

On a par with last years’ results, 8% mention the maintenance and upkeep is better than last year (down from the 2013 high point of 13%), and 3% think the location and accessibility of sports fields, parks and reserves is better than last year (down from the 2013 high point of 5%).

Bulls’ urban residents are more likely to think the sports fields, parks and reserves have not been upgraded this year (17% cf. total, 7%).

4 Public Libraries

Ratings for the public libraries have remained on a par with results from 2014. Customer service (17%) and other services (16%) continue to be the aspects of the libraries residents think are better than last year.

5 Community Buildings

Ratings associated with community building remain largely on a par with last year’s results. Customer service (7%), maintenance and upkeep (6%) and additional facilities (6%) continue to be perceived as better than last year.

Bulls’ urban residents are more likely to think the community buildings need updating (23% cf. total, 11%).

6 Community Housing

Although most ratings associated with community housing remain on a par with last year, the majority of residents were not able to rate these measures.

Bulls' urban residents are more likely to think:

- the upkeep and maintenance of community housing is about the same (43% cf. total, 29%),
- the location and accessibility to community housing is worse than last year (8% cf. total, 2%).
- Council's provision for community housing is about the same as last year (46% cf. total, 33%),
- Council's provision for the future needs for community housing is about the same as last year (44% cf. total, 31%).

7 Public Toilets

Ratings for measures pertaining to public toilets this year have increased, with significantly more residents indicating the maintenance and upkeep (22% cf. 2014, 6%) and location and accessibility (16% cf. 2014, 4%) is better than last year.

Bulls' urban residents are more likely to think

- the maintenance and upkeep of the public toilets is better than last year (51% cf. total, 22%),
- the location and accessibility of the public toilets is better than last year (51% cf. total, 16%).
- Council's provision for public toilets is better than last year (45% cf. total, 19%)
- Council's provision of public toilets is better than last year (49% cf. total, 16%)

Bulls' urban residents are more likely to mention new or improved public toilet facilities (21% cf. total, 8%).

Conclusion

Generally, Council's aim (to have an increasing proportion of residents who perceive that Council services and facilities are improving) is generally achieved.

The roading network in Rangitikei, this year, has seen a significant increase in residents rating this as better than last year. This increase could be due to the roads being attractive well maintained, which saw a 3% increase in ratings for being better than last year and is still the highest ranked roading attribute. The roads having good