



# Rangitikei District Council

## Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 11 August 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Mr Hew Dalrymple (Chair)  
Ms Sandra Boxall  
Mr John Guinan  
Mr Braden Hammond  
Ms Jodi Jamieson  
Ms Carol Lewis  
Mr Keith Scott  
Ms Heather Thorby

**Apologies:** Ms Jane Dunn  
Councillor Tim Harris  
Councillor Rebecca McNeil  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Mark Gordon  
Mr Athol Sanson, Parks and Reserves Manager  
Mr Kevin Morris, Policy Analyst  
Mrs Annabell Sidey  
Mr Kevin Otto, Warrant Officer, Ohakea

## 1 Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to the visitors.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/BCC/034**                      **File Ref**

That apologies from Ms Jane Dunn, Councillor Tim Harris (for lateness), Councillor Rebecca McNeil and Mayor A Watson (for lateness) be received.

Ms Thorby / Mr Scott. Carried

## 3 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/BCC/035**                      **File Ref**

That, subject to an amendment to the preamble to include Ms Jamie Anderson and Mr A Sidney as also in attendance, the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 14 July 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Scott / Ms Thorby. Carried

## 4 Matters Arising

Nil

## 5 Council Decision on Recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations from the Committee presented to the Council's 30 July 2015 meeting.

## 6 Update on Bulls Town Centre Plan

The Committee noted that Creative Communities had been approached to run a 7 Day makeover for the town of Bulls in 2016; dates for this were yet to be confirmed and would be forwarded on to the committee as soon as they had been confirmed. The 7 Day makeovers would be aligned with the list of priorities for placemaking outlined in the Bulls Town Centre Plan.

Work was still underway to complete the Creative Cubes started by the local youth. It was hoped to have this project finished by the end of August so the cubes could be installed. Details of where the cubes would go was yet to be agreed upon and would require consultation with retailers and the community.

Members discussed the following matters:

- Cost for the 7 day makeover in January/February 2016, duplication of previous workshops, role of Bulls Community Committee in the process accountability, \$5,000 allocation a process of consolidation.
- Creative Cubes, Mr Morris handing over project to the Bulls Town Centre Co-ordinator, Ms Harris.
- Discussion on role of Bulls Community Committee in implementing Bulls Town Centre Plan.
- Need for a Register of projects.
- Architect/Designer engaged for new Town Centre complex.
- Site would be cleared by Christmas 2015.
- Signage needed for toilets location from Northern approach on State Highway 1.

The Committee agreed in principle to having David Engwicht return to run a 7 - Day makeover; the Committee however would like more clarity as to the amount of time needed for attending the ideas workshop, planning sessions and implementation day. The Committee had also indicated that their preference for the process would be February 2016.

## **7 Arrangements for parks and town maintenance services**

The Committee noted that from 1 August 2015, the Council had assumed direct responsibility for providing these services. Mowing of parks and gardening would be undertaken by a small Council team, led by Mr Athol Sanson. Separate contracts had been negotiated for sexton duties, CBD cleaning and urban berm mowing.

It was further noted that the Council was responsible for the cleaning of new toilets with a new contract for Bulls and Turakina.

## **8 Proposed landscaping of site with old Court-house and Gaol**

Mr Sanson spoke to his tabled report.

The report was favourably received and it was noted that there would be a site meeting in future with Bulls Community Committee representatives and Mr Sanson.

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That the report 'Proposed landscaping of site with old Court-house and Gaol' be received.

Mr Jamieson / Mr Hammond. Carried.

## **9 Small Project Grant Scheme**

The 2015/16 Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Bulls Ward was \$1,184.

The allocation of the Small Projects Grant Scheme was for the period 1 July to 30 June each year. Any unspent funds at the end of this period could not be carried over to the following financial year.

## **10 Notification of items from previous meeting**

Consideration was given to the following projects;

- Cleanliness of Wallace Development site.
- Town and Centre Plan regarding spring and summer projects.

In discussion it was noted that a more detailed plan was needed for Spring and Summer projects.

## **11 Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund**

The Committee noted that the consultation document associated with the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan, What's the Plan, Rangitikei?, outlined two options for the future upgrades to parks. Option 1 was to rely on community donated labour and materials for improving our parks. Option 2 was to make an annual provision of \$50,000 to upgrade facilities and equipment at our parks.

During submissions, there was a strong majority in favour of Council contributing funding to park renewals and upgrades and also a significant recognition of the value of community input. A substantial minority of submitters specifically suggested that a combination of both community and Council support was needed.

Council decided to allocate up to \$50,000 per year in a fund for park and reserve upgrades and had suggested that a 2:1 contribution from the community (in cash or in kind) to match Council's funding was appropriate. It had also agreed an upper limit to Council's contribution to each proposed upgrade of \$15,000, which would indicate that projects should be up to \$45,000 in total (cash and in kind contributions). Anything over this amount would be a significant upgrade for consideration through the Annual Plan process.

The Assets/Infrastructure Committee considered a process to allocate this funding at its meeting on 9 July 2015.

This process would be very much a partnership between Council and the community. It was likely that either a need, or a great idea, be identified in the community and someone from the community approach Council to seek support. This could be at any time during the development of the project but it could be expected that if it concerned a Council-owned asset then Council would be engaged near the start.

The fund could be open for applications at any time and each application would be treated on a case-by-case basis by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

The application form which was attached to the Agenda took the form of an “expression of interest” which was developed in conjunction with Council staff. The contribution from the community would be to describe the project, the community support/consultation that had taken place and a fundraising plan and the contribution from Council staff would be to describe the fit with Council’s current objectives in managing its parks and reserves.

The Committee could then take a view on whether it wished to support the project and to what extent. It would also give the Committee the opportunity to consider the phasing of these projects and to put a deadline for community fundraising to be completed.

The Assets/Infrastructure Committee would be unlikely to consider contributing to park upgrades which went against either:

- The objectives and/or action plan contained in the Parks and reserves management plan(s) or
- Council’s intent to rationalise its parks and open spaces assets (fewer but better)

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That the information relating to the Park Upgrade Partnership Fund be received.

Mr Hammond / Mr Guinan. Carried

## **12 Update on Bulls Wastewater Upgrade Project Focus Group**

The Committee noted that the proposed extension to the designation had been limited-notified to the affected landowners and Iwi. Submissions would close 19 August 2015. The consents with Horizons were still on hold awaiting further information.

## **13 Current Infrastructure Projects/Upgrades and other Council Activities with the Ward**

Nil

## **14 General Business**

**Mr Dalrymple**

- Outlined Rates Remission Policy for existing businesses as emailed by Ms Servante. An incentive to local firms who may wish to expand included farms.

**Ms Thorby**

- Tabled a report to the Rangitikei District Council regarding flood damage to Brandon Hall Road area.

**Mrs Sidey**

- Presented the Bulls Town Co-ordinator’s report highlighting future events.

**Mr Scott**

- Gave an oral report on behalf of P Guentjens regarding the “Bulls in Bulls” project progress. Adding that funding had been found for this project.

**Mr Guinan**

- Reported pot holes at the intersection of Wilson/Daniel Street.
- Painting of lighting poles in War Memorial area. Mr Morris to investigate.
- Damage to equipment in Walker Park.
- Letter of appreciation to be forwarded to Mike of Central House Movers.

**Mr Hammond**

- Poor condition of Parewanui Road.
- Fireman’s Ball was to be held on 17 October 2015.
- Membership numbers were up.
- National Car Wash would be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**His Worship the Mayor**

- Flooding Cost.
- Responsibility of Horizons Regional Council for Tutaenui Stream.

**Ms Thorby**

- Future fundraising projects included:
  - Photographs “A Year in the Life fo Bulls”.
  - Photographs “Bulls in the Buff” – Calendar, any calendar Women or Men.

**15 Notification of Business for the Next Meeting**

- Register of Projects for Bulls Town Centre Plan.
- DIY regarding noxious weeds/brambles on State Highway 1 and State Highway 3.

**16 Next Meeting**

8 September 2015, 5.30pm

## **17 Meeting Closed – 7.06pm**

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

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