



Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 9 February 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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Present:

- Mr Hew Dalrymple (Chair)
- Ms Jodi Jamieson
- Mr B Hammond
- Mr Keith Scott
- Ms Heather Thorby
- Cr Tim Harris
- Cr Rebecca McNeil
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Committee meeting of 2016.

2 Apologies

That the apology for absence from Ms J Dunn be received.

Ms H Thorby / Mr K Scott. Carried

3 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	16/BCC/001	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 8 December 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms H Thorby / Mr B Hammond. Carried

4 Matters Arising

- Question raised regarding items 4.2 and 4.3, has any action occurred.
- Question raised regarding item 6:
 - Cleaning equipment has been supplied but no replacement vacuum cleaner.
 - Unsure whether CCTV camera is operating.
 - No action has been taken regarding footpath cleaning or uneven pavers.

5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted that recommendation **15/BCC/053** was confirmed by Council at its meeting on 17 December 2015 and await the formulation of the communications plan.

6 Update on Bulls Town Centre Plan

Verbal Update on the 7-Day Makeover

- Thank you letters to be sent to M Connelly, M Crocker and B Tamblyn.
- \$5,000 allocated to the project with the majority spent during the week,
- There has been a very positive community response to the makeover.

Verbal Report by His Worship the Mayor

- Review the background of the plan.
- Fundraising needs to be undertaken; \$3.6 million is the budget figure.
- Council has made the decision to sell the Town Hall and Information Centre/Bus Depot sites.
- \$100,000 to be raised locally by the community; a focus group will be set up for this purpose.

- Horowhenua District Council will play an advisory role when it comes to fundraising for the project.
- An application to Lotteries is underway.
- Any future design changes will be minor.
- A public meeting on the project will be held in the future (in the evening).

7 Council Responses to queries at previous meetings

The following queries were raised at the previous meeting:

a) Graffiti

The graffiti near the medical centre is still present. Council was notified of this graffiti in June 2015.

b) After-hours access to toilets at Bulls information Centre

His Worship the Mayor was thanked for the vital role he played in securing the after-hours access to toilet facilities at the Information Centre for bus passengers.

8 Update on Bulls Wastewater Upgrade Project Focus Group

- Progress is underway with the project.
- Initial costs estimated at \$430,000.
- A decision has not yet been made on the sludge disposal at Bonny Glen landfill.

9 Small Projects Grant Scheme

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

10 Consultation – Draft Heritage Strategy

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/002** **File Ref** **1-CP-5-2**

The memorandum 'Consultation – Draft Heritage Strategy' be received.

Mr K Scott / Ms H Thorby. Carried

11 Proposed District Plan Changes

The Committee briefly discussed the definition and identification of liquefaction risks, and the implications for mortgage applications.

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/003** **File Ref** **2-PL-2**

The memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Changes' be received.

Mr K Scott / Ms H Thorby. Carried

12 Consultation on Draft Treasury Policies

Nil

13 History of Bulls Town Hall

Nil

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

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/004** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

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

Ms H Thorby / Mr K Scott. Carried

15 General business

Ms Jan Harris – Te Araroa Trail

- A local walk this coming weekend (13-14 February 2016).
- Update on Bulls information.

Ms J Anderson

- Spoke about the positive vibe within the community.

Ms H Thorby

- Acknowledged the excellent work by Mr Sanson and the Parks & Reserves Team from Rangitikei District Council.
- Fire alert sign are needed on Brandon Hall Road.
- Toilet indication signs are needed at Walker Park.
- Requested that the tabled paper on Te Araroa Trail be presented to the next Council meeting for discussion.

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/005** **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee requests that the tabled document on Te Araroa Trail be presented to the next Council meeting for information and discussion.¹

Ms H Thorby / Mr K Scott. Carried

- Bulls Community Committee organisational paper tabled; issues raised include:
 - Who owns the Committees assets?
 - Committee financial systems are not working.
 - There is no real financial autonomy for the Committee; can this be done under the authority of the Council?
 - The paper was tabled for the next meeting.

16 Next meeting

Tuesday 8 March 2016, 5.30pm

17 Meeting closed – 7.10pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

¹ This is attached as an Appendix to these minutes.

Discussion Paper H Thorby : Bulls Community Committee : 9 February 2016

TE ARAROA TRAIL – NZ's Long Trail

The walking Trail was completed in 2011 from Cape Reinga to Bluff. Advertised as 113 walks including Day Walks & Long Tramps. The Trail enters our area at Turakina Beach, proceeds along the beach, through forestry tracks onto the end of Brandon Hall Road, then to Bulls Township. The previous "supplies stop" was Wanganui, so they arrive in Bulls ready to "restock". Average spend is \$50+, including camp fees. Last year saw over 200 walkers, this year 500+ walkers, and next summer projections are for 1,500 walkers. This has the potential to rise much higher (3,500 to 4,000). November to March is the busy time through our district.

They come from all over the World. Most are seasoned hikers, and all are camping orientated. Currently they camp privately, Bulls Motel grounds, freedom camp, or walk onto to Mt Lees.

Walkers want: cheap sheltered safe campsite, shower, water, toilet and basic kitchen facility; close to the Trail.

This is a major economic opportunity for Bulls. We have the Domain grounds in Town, facilities in one block – toilets, showers, kitchenette, space for tents and shelter. Some of this will require upgrading, coin operated outdoor gas BBQ & table in the lean-to overlooking the Tennis Club.

~~Recommendation~~

Possible ideas,

1. RDC major sign board at Turakina Beach, Brandon Hall Bridge and Domain. This could have a "phone ahead" service for Domain caretaker to open facility when required – rather than leaving open all the time. Would give at least a day's notification of use. ✓
2. Rural Letterbox at end (forestry) of Brandon Hall Road. Contains A4 pocket folder of pamphlets/options/map/& what's available in Bulls. No loose paper blowing around the countryside and can be maintained/serviced.
3. Kilometre discs screwed to fence posts etc to give progress.
4. Drinking water – school press button fountains?
5. Domain set up for camping. Gas BBQ, drinking water fountain & single toilet/shower for low season use.
6. The coin operated gas BBQ would enable other Domain users to operate and encourage a "community" gathering situation.

The Community can build on the basics e.g.

1. Donated & painted adult bikes, to encourage walkers to explore and interact with town. World Map & pins on wall of kitchen. Repeat information folder & noticeboard. On-line advertising of the facility. All walkers I've met are on-line and tech savvy.
2. Pick a BRIGHT colour and colour code everything, from signage, KM markers, bikes etc.

Opportunities would exist for tourist expansion. Tennis Club (rackets available), Marae visit etc.