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Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Order Paper

**Tuesday, 8 March 2016,
5.30pm**

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Chair
Hew Dalrymple

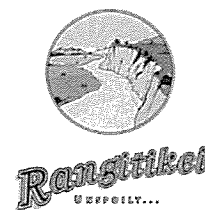
Membership

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

Please Note: Items in this Agenda may be subject to amendments or withdrawal at the Meeting. It is recommended therefore that items not be reported upon until after adoption by the Committee.



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The quorum for the Bulls Community Committee is 6.

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

The minutes of the Committee's meeting on 9 February 2016 are attached.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 9 February 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

4 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations from the previous meeting for which Council approval was sought.

6 Update on Bulls Town Centre Plan

The 7 Day Makeover in early February was highly successful with over 30 people participating. The area between the information centre and bakery was transformed, with funky painting of the fading mural, repurposed windows as artwork, the removal of bollards to open up the area and the addition of bright seating. Further seating was added outside the bakery along the footpath. A new deck was constructed across the road outside the burger bar, with the addition of moveable seating and the painting of existing seating to provide a rest stop area for travellers. Plantings in both areas support the relaxed atmosphere.

The Council has submitted funding applications to Lotteries Community Facilities Fund and to Powerco Wanganui Trust.

A small group comprising Mayor Andy Watson, Keith Scott, Jo Rangooni, Ross McNeil and several Council staff met on 25 February 2016 with the architects to review the layout in the concept plans, as a first stage in developing a final design. Grant Huywler and Mark Pirikahu from Ngati Apa joined the meeting to discuss their interest in the project. The architects will be considering this feedback in developing amendments, for consideration later this month. The design process will draw in representatives of user groups, as well as provide an opportunity for Bulls residents to have input. The design process is expected to be completed in May.

7 Update on Bulls Wastewater Upgrade Project Focus Group

The status of the project remains as noted at the Committee's February meeting

8 Council responses to queries at previous meetings

CCTV cameras: All cameras are functioning except for the one on the former Leader and Watt building, where there is currently no power available. The Police have been alerted to this, as they negotiated the agreements with each building owner.

Additional signage: This will be reported back to the next meeting.

9 Small Projects Grant Scheme (balance)

A memorandum will be table at the meeting.

10 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

This update is taken from reports provide to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee which next meets on 17 March 2016. This timing means an update (for February) is not available for the Committee's meeting. However, it will be circulated to members on 14 March 2016.

11 District Plan changes

A copy of the slides from the presentation given to Council's 29 February 2016 meeting are attached. Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst/Planner will be in attendance at the meeting.

Recommendation

That the presentation 'District Plan changes' be received.

12 History of Bulls Town Hall

This item was deferred at the Committee's February meeting

13 Te Araroa Trail

A report was tabled at the previous meeting (and is attached to the minutes) with the intention that it be discussed at this meeting.

14 Bulls Community Committee organisational paper

This paper was tabled at the previous meeting, with the intention that it be discussed at this meeting.

15 Late items

16 Next meeting

12 April 2016

17 Meeting closed

Attachment 1

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Present:

Mr Hew Dalrymple (Chair)
 Ms Jodi Anderson
 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
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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.

Attachment 2

Proposed District Plan Change 2016

- Context
- Process

Range of issues - excluded

× Industrial zone expansion – Marton, Bulls, Taihape	× Shelterbelts
× Commercial zone expansion - Bulls	× Rural Living zone
× Motorhomes	× Exterior storage
× Notable trees	× Temporary event signage

Range of issues - included

✓ Turakina and Mangaweka – Commercial Zoning	✓ Liquefaction, ground shaking, landslide, active fault
✓ Signage	✓ Heritage
✓ Taihape West Slip Zone	✓ Refinement of flood mapping
✓ Rural settlement – retail activities	✓ Relocated buildings – industrial zone
✓ Daylight setback exemption for accessory buildings	✓ Pedestrian veranda
✓ Boundary setbacks in the Rural Zone (non-residential buildings)	✓ Activity setbacks – Commercial Zone
✓ Residential activities in the Commercial zone	✓ Dwelling separation

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Proposed changes

Issue	Objective	Policies	Rules
Heritage	✓	✓	✓
Signage	x	✓	✓
Taihape West Slip Zone	x	✓	✓
Flooding	x	x	✓
Landslide, active fault, liquefaction, ground shaking	x	x	✓
Rural settlement	x	x	✓
Activity setbacks – Commercial zone, veranda – Commercial zone, daylight setback for accessory buildings – Residential zone, building setback – Rural zone, dwelling separation – Rural zone, relocated buildings – industrial zone, residential activities in the Commercial Zone	x	x	✓

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Next steps

- Notification/submission period - 4 March – 4 April
- Further submissions – mid-late April
- Pre-hearing meetings (if required) – May
- Hearing - late May
- Decision – 30 June

