



Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 6 December 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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Present: Mr Tyrone Barker (Chair)
Ms Lynette Andrews
Mr Nigel Bowen
Ms Tricia Falkner
Mr Matthew Holden
Ms Annabel Sidey
Ms Julie Toomey
Mr Perrin Turner
Ms Raewyn Turner
Mr Russel Ward
Ms Vicky Whiteman
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Graeme Platt
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Ms Jan Harris, Bulls and District, Community Development Manager
Mr Cameron Randles
Ms Helen Cooper
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst/Planner

Tabled documents

Item 6	Updated memo on Administrative processes
Item 13a:	Flyer on Stewart Rover Crew (Scouting)
Item 13b:	Email from Denis Hocking requesting delaying sale of the Information Centre

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone, and invited those present to introduce themselves.

2 Apologies

That the apology from Denis Hocking be received

Cr Dunn / Ms R Turner Carried

3 Election of Chair

Point of Order: Composition of the Committee

Mr N Bowen sought clarification why there had not been a ballot on the tied positions for the Committee. The Mayor explained Council had considered that approach but had decided instead to increase the size of the Committee. Cr Platt noted that the same approach had been taken for the last triennium. The Mayor sought by a show of hands whether the meeting wished to raise this formally with Council and found there was not a majority wanting this to be done.

Being over-strength meant that the Committee could not co-opt anyone else without prior permission of the Council.

His Worship the Mayor checked the meeting understood the two voting systems prescribed by the Local Government Act 2002.

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/035** **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee, for the purpose of electing or appointing persons under Clause 25, adopt System B.

Mr M Holden / Mr V Whiteman. Carried

The Mayor called for nominations.

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/036** **File Ref**

That Tyrone Barker be appointed Chair of the Bulls Community Committee.

Cr Dunn / Ms J Toomey. Carried

4 Election of Deputy Chair

This followed the same process as for electing the Chair.

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/037** **File Ref**

That Matthew Holden be appointed Deputy Chair of the Bulls Community Committee.

Cr Dunn / Mr R Ward. Carried

Mr Barker took the Chair, thanking the meeting for its support and acknowledging the calibre of the people on the Committee.

5 Terms of Reference

Mr Hodder outlined the substance of the terms of reference.

6 Administrative Processes

Mr Hodder spoke to the tabled document, explaining that it differed from that in the Order Paper because Council had decided (at its meeting on 1 December 2016) to have Council staff provide secretarial and minute-taking services to the four Community Committees. He highlighted the provisions relating to the Small Grants Fund.

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/038** **File Ref**

That the memorandum "Guidance for Community Committees" be received and noted.

Mr T Barker / Cr Dunn. Carried

7 Members' conflict of interest

The Mayor explained what a conflict of interest might be, noting that family of members needed to be borne in mind.

8 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair accepted four late items:

A brief presentation from Cameron Randles on the Stewart Rover Crew.

Conduct of elections (Ms R Turner).

Funding of the Christmas Parade, considered by email before the meeting (Ms A Sidey).

Correspondence from Denis Hocking opposing the sale of Information Centre site (Cr Dunn).

9 Minutes of last meeting

The Chair drew attention to the minutes of the Committee's last meeting of the 2013-16 triennium. The new Committee was not asked to confirm them. The Mayor noted they had been received at Council.

10 Outstanding matters from the 2013-2016 triennium

The Committee discussed a number of the items noted in the memorandum

(4) Missing vacuum cleaner

The Committee accepted Council's offer to purchase a new vacuum cleaner and to include whether it was present when undertaking the check on the hall condition after it had been hired (Mr Hodder to action).

(5) Cleaning of paving blocks in the town and
(9) Removing noxious weeds at town entrances.

The Mayor explained that if weeds were on private property Council could not act until they had grown to the extent that they presented a fire hazard,

The Committee asked for an indication when this work would be done (Mr Hodder to action).

Mr R Ward queried the state of the rugby field at the Bulls Domain. Jan Harris noted the attempts to gain grant funding for upgrading this, and that there would be more done early in 2017. A report would be requested from Mr Athol Sanson, Parks and Reserves Team Leader for the Committee's next meeting (Mr Hodder to action).

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/039** **File Ref**

That the memorandum "Outstanding matters from the 2013-2016 triennium" be received.

Cr Dunn / Mr P Turner. Carried

11 Small Projects Grant Scheme update – December 2016

The Chair suggested that this was the appropriate time to consider the late item raised by Ms A Sidey.

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/040** **File Ref**

That \$500 be allocated from the Small Projects Fund for the 2016 Bulls Christmas Parade.

Ms J Toomey / Mr R Ward. Carried

This meant that the available balance was \$887.07

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/041** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - December 2016' (as amended) be received.

Cr Dunn / Ms V Whiteman. Carried

12 Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

The Mayor outlined the current situation with the proposed new Community Centre on the former Criterion Hotel site, noting the recent grant of \$0.5 million from the Lotteries Facilities Fund. Such a grant was only possible with a new build. The project had been included in the 2015/25 Long Term Plan. Jane Dunn outlined the consultative processes which had been undertaken.

Raewyn Turner questioned why there had only been one design. The Mayor noted that the design was based on a concept design which had found considerable support. Having several different designs would probably have added \$100,000 each time

The Mayor also noted the progress with the upgrade of the Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plan (awaiting response from Horizons Regional Council on the conditions for the new consent) and the consideration given to the SH1/SH3 intersection in the town (a 'pinch-point' but the number of vehicles was reducing (larger trucks) and NZTA lacks a budget to fund an alternative route).

The Mayor undertook to bring the new model of the Community Centre development to the Committee's next meeting.

The updated report will be circulated on 12 December 2016.

13 Late Items

a) Stewart Rover Crew

Cameron Randles tabled a flyer on the Stewart Rover Crew. He was keen to offer the small group's services for projects like planting trees or painting – and also keen to recruit more young people (18-25).

b) Request to delay sale of the Information Centre

Cr Dunn explained the background to the emails from Denis Hocking. The Mayor explained that the Committee could convey it to Council without endorsing it.

Resolved minute number **16/BCC/042** **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee receives the email from Denis Hocking requesting retaining the bus stop at its present site and asks it to be conveyed to Council for its consideration.

Ms J Toomey / Ms V Whiteman. Carried

c) Community Committee Elections

Ms R Turner questioned some aspects of the recent election for the Committee – the lack of identification of candidates, the uncertain timeframe for the election (i.e. when was voting to stop) and how confidential the process was. She suggested that the election and candidates could be given exposure by using both local newspapers, social media and the Council's website.

Mr Hodder expressed thanks for these observations. He noted that Council conducted the elections with the Local Electoral Act in mind (which potentially ruled out any publicity to candidates in the room where votes were being cast). However, this was a matter to be taken up with Council. He assured members that the ballot papers remained secret.

d) Te Araroa Trail

The issue of walkers on Te Araroa trail coming into Bulls (from the Santoft Forest was raised. The Mayor undertook to check whether the access through Ngati Apa land was a paper road. His view was that the provision of signage, access to water and toilets was a Council issue. He noted that there was interest in the Santoft Domain (currently leased for grazing) becoming a community park for people living nearby.

e) Ohakea Air Tattoo Meeting

The Chair noted the meeting scheduled for 8 December, 5.30 pm in the Bulls Town Hall Supper Room to discuss logistics for the Air Tattoo at Ohakea.

f) Contacts List

The Committee asked for a contacts list to be circulated (Mr Hodder to arrange).

14 Next meeting

Tuesday 14 February 2017, 5:30 pm

15 Meeting closed – 7.50pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____