



# Rangitikei District Council

## Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 14 February 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

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**Present:**

- Mr Matthew Holden (Chair)
- Mr Nigel Bowen
- Ms Sandra Boxall (RNZAF Ohakea)
- Ms Tricia Falkner
- Ms Annabel Sidey
- Ms Julie Toomey
- Mr Perrin Turner
- Ms Raewyn Turner
- Mr Russel Ward
- Mr Jack Wheeler (RNZAF Ohakea)
- Cr Jane Dunn
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:**

- Ms Jan Harris, Bulls and District, Community Development Manager
- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Ms Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst/Planner

## 1 Welcome

Matthew Holden took the Chair in the absence of Tyrone Barker

Jack Wheeler introduced himself as an alternate representative from Ohakea Base.

## 2 Public Forum

Paul Geurtjens spoke about Bulls in Bulls Project and presented his view that there was a consensus in the community that the Trojan bull should be moved from the current site at the Medical Centre. This was not the consensus of all members present and it was agreed that a survey presenting different options would accompany the next Bulletin.

## 3 Apologies

That the apologies for absence from Cr Platt, Mr T Barker, Ms L Andrews and Ms V Whiteman be received

Cr Dunn / Ms A Sidey Carried

## 4 Members' conflict of interest

No conflicts of interests declared

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair accepted late items:

- Surveillance cameras on Brandon Hall Road
- Funding for beanbag and shrubs outside the fish and chips shop, Bridge Street
- Smooth crossings to assist mobility scooter riders and people with pushchairs
- Update on Defence housing

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>17/BCC/001</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CC-1-1</b>
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That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 6 December 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr J Dunn / Ms A Sidey. Carried

## **7 Chair's Report**

The acting Chair had no report to present

## **8 Combined meeting / workshop with Council and Community Committees**

At 6.30pm on Tuesday 7 March 2017 a combined meeting / workshop will be held for Council and Community Committee members to discuss the Annual Plan. The meeting will be held in the Bulls Town Hall Supper Room. All members are encouraged to attend.

## **9 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee**

Mayor Andy Watson spoke to this. There was a meeting with those concerned (including Denis Hocking) about the sale of the information centre site. One group were concerned that if the centre was not built there would no longer be an information centre. The group were assured that the sale of the information centre was conditional on the new centre being built. Another group did not want the site to be sold even if the new building went ahead.

Mr Ward asked how many people actually want the new centre. It was explained that of the formal submissions around 60% were for the project and that there has also been a large amount of informal support.

There were also questions surrounding the cost of the build in comparison to repairing Bulls' current buildings. Compared side by side the cost to the ratepayer is similar, the new project could attract outside funding but a project to earthquake-strengthen the older buildings would likely not.

## **10 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings**

The Committee noted the briefing note in the agenda.

The Committee asked for the contact list to include Sandra Boxall and Jack Wheeler.

There was further work to be done on the question of public access through Ngati Apa land (between Beamish and Brandon Hall Roads)

## **11 Update on place-making initiatives**

The Committee acknowledged that Mr Athol Sanson has been doing a good job on maintaining the parks and public spaces.

## **12 Update on the Bulls Community Centre – February 2017**

The Mayor noted the Council's view on the timing for letting a contract for constructing the new facility.

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That the memorandum 'Update on the Bulls Community Centre – February 2017' be received.

Ms S Boxall / Ms J Toomey. Carried

### **13 Bulls Domain: Maintenance Program 2017**

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That the memorandum 'Bulls Domain: Maintenance Program 2017" be received.

Mr M Holden / Mr R Ward. Carried

#### **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Bulls Domain: Maintenance Program 2017" be received.

### **14 Small Projects Grant Scheme update – January 2017**

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That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - January 2017' be received.

Ms J Toomey / Ms R Turner. Carried

### **15 Grants and Funding information and opening dates**

The Committee asked Ms Harris to include the dates in the Bulletin

### **16 Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward**

The Committee sought clarification 'the mushroom' in Bulls. To keep the structure as a reservoir could require \$360,000 in strengthening. However, this could be less if not used as a reservoir.

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That the memorandum 'current infrastructure projects and other Council Activities in the Bulls Ward be received.

Ms Sidey / Ms R Turner. Carried

## 17 Late Items

### a) Update on defence housing sales

Ms Boxall informed the Committee that the sale project had been completed. 28 houses and one section have been sold.

### b) Replacement of the beanbag and shrubs outside the fish and chip shop

During the seven day makeover there was an outdoor beanbag which was purchased. That beanbag has since disintegrated and needs replacing. Cr Dunn requested that the committee donate \$120 towards the purchase of a new more durable beanbag.

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That \$120 from the Small Project Fund will be allocated toward purchase of the new beanbag by the Bridge Street fish and chips shop.

Cr Dunn / Ms R Turner. Carried

### c) Improvement of crossing surfaces for mobility scooters

The lip of most road crossings is too large for mobility scooters and prams to cross easily. While a roading issue, the Committee thought it would be worthwhile asking the community what crossings they thought should be improved – potentially through the Bulletin.

### d) Security cameras –

Properties in Bulls have recently been burgled; the risk of further burglaries happening could be mitigated by having security cameras in the area. Discussion generated suggested that this probably is best suited as a private initiative rather than a rate-payer funded one.

## 18 Next meeting

Tuesday 28 February 2017, 5.30 pm (workshop on the new Bulls centre) *to be confirmed*

Tuesday 11 April 2017, 5.30 pm

## 19 Meeting closed – 7.40pm

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_