



Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 11 April 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

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Present:

Mr Tyrone Barker (Chair)
Mr Nigel Bowen
Ms Sandra Boxall (RNZAF Ohakea)
Ms Tricia Falkner
Mr Perrin Turner
Ms Raewyn Turner
Mr Russell Ward
Cr Jane Dunne
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance:

Ms Jan Harris, Bulls and District, Community Development Manager
Ms Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst/Planner

1 Welcome

Mr Barker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Nil.

3 Apologies

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/005** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-1**

That the apologies from Councillor Graeme Platt, Mr Matthew Holden and Mr Jack Wheeler be received

Mr Barker / Cr Dunn carried

4 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting: Signs at the entrance of Bulls and Community patrol be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/006** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-1**

That the order of business be confirmed

Mr Barker / Cr Dunn carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/007** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-1**

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 14 February 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Barker/ Cr Dunn carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair reported that Ms Vicky Whiteman has resigned from the committee.

He thanked members of the Committee for getting submissions for the new community centre; there is a good level of support within the Committee for the project to go ahead. A nominated member of the Committee write reports of these meetings – Julie will do summaries of the meetings to put in the Bulletin.

Rubbish is being dumped rurally – this could be because the waste transfer station hours aren't community friendly (Mon, Wednesday and Friday (7.30am-11.30am) and weekends (8.00am-3.00pm). This has been a concern for quite a long time, particularly evident over the Christmas period. The Committee discussed potential options: Saturday morning has low demand – sports, etc. Mr Barker will get back to Council with information about what the Committee wants and potential options after giving it more thought.

He was concerned about a bimonthly meeting frequency because a lot happens in the community during the space between meetings. Having a workshop could help with that: Council budget is only for bimonthly meetings, but a workshop did not need to have Council staff present.

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That the Chair's verbal report to the Bulls Community Committee meeting of 11 April 2017 be received

Mr Barker/ Cr Dunn carried

8 Combined meeting / workshop with Council and Community Committees update

On Tuesday 7 March 2017 a combined meeting / workshop was held for Council and Community Committee members to discuss the Annual Plan.

Ms Harris noted that during Cyclone Debbie, Horizons, Council and the community all worked together. Neighbours looked after each other and checked on elderly neighbours. Well done to Council and civil defence.

The Mayor commented that the workshop was held to make community committees aware of the main issues before going out to the public. Ms Turner noted that it had been helpful in dealing with questions about the proposed new Bulls Community Centre.

9 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations from the Committee to Council at the last meeting.

10 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

The Mayor noted that there is further work to be done on the question of public access through Ngati Apa land (between Beamish and Brandon Hall Roads), and updates will be made to future Committee meetings.

11 Update on place-making initiatives

The beanbag has been in place for two weeks, pansies have arrived for planting. Ms Dunn sought helpers for that. Ms Falkner offered potting mix. The Committee thanked both members for this initiative.

12 Update on the Bulls Community Centre – April 2017

The Mayor noted that he needed to wait for Council to complete its deliberation process before commenting on the future of the project. If Council decides that there is a sufficient level of support through submissions, there is still money to raise, but a clear decision was what some large businesses and some members of the community were waiting for before making a donation. Once Council is close to the funding targets, tender documents can be prepared. This will take some months.

Ms Harris has met with the Friendship Club. They asked about the town hall being assessed for earthquake risk, which would demonstrate concern for the safety of the hall. The Mayor said that the building has not been flagged as being dangerous.

Mr Barker commented that the Criterion site for the Community Centre was an eyesore and wanted to know if the owners were going to clean it up. The Mayor has asked the Joint Venture Partners to address this but they have not yet done so.

Ms Falkner showed how UCOL covered up wire fencing with banners. These banners (1.2m by 1.2 m) are \$58 per banner (delivered) – larger ones are available. They consist of eyelets / cables and are made at Vistaprint Australia. This could be a potential way to make the site look better in the interim, though their placing would require permission from site owners. These could be prints of art or even advertising for local businesses. Ms Harris said that if art works were used, these could be 'banked' for future use.

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That the money in the small projects grant scheme be used to fund these banners if approval given by site owners

Mr Barker/ Ms Boxall carried

13 Small projects Grant Scheme update – April 2017

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

Ms Turner/ Cr Dunn carried

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

The Mayor noted that Council had yet to get an answer on strengthening of the mushroom if no water is to be stored in there. There is also investigation as to whether the appearance of the iconic structure would be affected by strengthening – if that appearance were to be compromised would it still be worthwhile going ahead with strengthening. It needs to be addressed whether worth doing if the iconic appearance is going to be lost.

In regards to storm water, the culverts are there to protect our assets under the road. Altering the course of water through the course of the stream is a Horizons function rather than a district council one. Flooding on private land would be considered during the development of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/011** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-1**

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure Projects/Upgrades and other Council Activities in the Bulls Ward – March 2017' be received.

Mr Barker/Cr Dunn carried

15 Geographical review of Census spatial units

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/012** **File Ref** **1-LTP-4-2**

That the memorandum "Geographical review of Census spatial units" be received and that the Bulls Community Committee provides positive feedback on the proposed naming of the redefined special units for aggregation of Census data from 2018 onwards.

Mr Barker/ Cr Dunn carried

16 Chorus Cabinet Art programme

Chorus run a nationwide programme sponsoring artists to create artworks on their telecommunications cabinets. Artists are paid \$400-\$1000, depending on the size of the cabinet. There is one cabinet in Bulls (Holland Crescent) that might be suitable, and the Committee are encouraged to speak with local artists about this. The point of contact at Chorus is: Jo.Seddon@Chorus.co.nz and more information can be found on the Chorus website: <https://blog.chorus.co.nz/cabinet-art-gallery/>

17 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

Ms Turner - Signage stating presence of community controls to be erected – at the entrance ways of Bulls. NZTA approval will need to look into this.

Ms Dunn - Community patrol need more members, please spread the word and get hold of Jan

18 Next meeting

Tuesday 13 June 2017, 5:30pm

19 Future meeting dates for 2017

- 8 August
- 10 October
- 12 December

20 Meeting closed

7.05pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: