



Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Order Paper – Tuesday 8 August 2017 – 5:30 pm

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The quorum for the Bulls Community Committee is 6 plus an Elected Member.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

1 Welcome

2 Public Forum

Ms Helen Scully will be in speaking about the following issues: Signage and bins for dogs in Bulls Domain, and having a 24 hour defibrillator availability in Bulls.

Mr Athol Sanson, Parks and Reserves Team Leader, has advised that the signage for the Domain is currently being finalised, please see the attached map for detail. He has received Ms Helen Scully's suggestions and will incorporate elements of them into the signage. The Dog Obedience group are being consulted too, and there will be a dog bowl component to the new drinking fountains that will be installed before the end of this year.

3 Apologies

4 Members' Conflict of Interest

Members are 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 and Late Items

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, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes for the meeting of the Bulls Community Committee held on 13 June 2017 are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-1

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 13 June 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Chair's Report

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

8 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Committee

- 17/BCC/015 – Council approved the carry-forward of \$1,343.59 for the Small Projects Fund

9 Council Response to Queries Raised at Previous Meetings

David McMillan (Solid Waste Officer) will be in attendance to discuss the opening hours of the waste transfer station.

10 Update on Place-Making Activities

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

11 Update on the Bulls Community Centre

The local fundraising amount is \$84,001, as at 31 July 2017.

The update to the Committee's last meeting noted the application made to the Lotteries Significant Facilities Fund, presenting the proposed Bulls Community Centre project as part of a District-wide town centre development programme, and referenced the proposed Marton City Centre and Taihape town hall/service centre development projects. The application failed to secure any further funding for the project. Commissioning detailed drawings remains on hold while ways of bridging the funding shortfall gap without additional ratepayer cost are being explored; this includes discussions with relevant Ministers.

12 Update from Bulls and District Community Development Manager

A verbal update will be provided to the meeting.

13 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-1

Recommendations

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – July 2017' be received.

14 Current Infrastructure Projects/Updates and Other Council Activities within the Ward

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure Projects/Upgrade and Other Council Activities within the Ward – May-June 2017' be received.

15 Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-DP-1-14

Recommendations

- 1 That the memorandum 'Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017' be received.
- 2 That the Community Committee/Board makes the following comments on the draft Bylaw:
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16 Further Consideration of Draft Urban Tree Plan

At its 13 June 2017 meeting the Committee requested further time to consider the Draft Urban Tree Plan. The Policy/Planning Committee allowed this extension, provided comments from the Bulls Community Committee are tabled at the 10 August 2017 Policy/Planning Committee meeting. It is at this meeting that the draft Urban Tree Plan will be adopted.

The Committee members were emailed the draft Urban Tree Plan (including the marked-up amendments resulting from comments from the other Community Committee's/Board's) mid-July to ensure adequate time to consider it. This document is also attached.

Recommendations

- 1 That the Community Committee supports/does not support [remove one] being given the authority to make decisions on major tree removals following a community consultation process.
- 2 That the Community Committee recommends to the Policy/Planning Committee the following changes to the draft Urban Tree Plan 2017:
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17 Drainage at Scott's Ferry

Glenn Young (Utilities Asset Manager) will be in attendance at the meeting with relevant lidar maps. A topographical survey has been carried out to identify problematic points along the (very gentle) longitudinal profile of the drainage system and verify whether the proposed option would work. However, the necessary field assessment may not be complete by the time of the Committee's meeting.

18 Change to fees made under the Resource Management Act 1991 - Consultation

The recently enacted Resource Legislation Amendment Act has created the need for new charges, specifically for boundary activities and marginal or temporary non-compliances. Boundary activities are those where a party wishes to breach a rule which relates to a specific boundary (e.g. a setback). Marginal or temporary non-compliances is a new process where parties can apply to Council to provide an exemption to an activity if the activity would be permitted, apart from a breach with the District Plan that is either marginal or temporary.

It is proposed that the fees are based on a deposit system, with the balance paid/refund made on completion, as it is unclear how long it will take to process the applications. Although the proposed deposits are based on fees for other activities which are likely to take a similar time for processing. It is proposed that the existing hourly rates specified in the schedule of fees and charges are used.

The proposed fees are:

- Boundary activity – deposit of \$306
- Marginal activity – deposit of \$306

The written submission period is open until 1 September 2017. The consultation documents (including submission form) are on the Council website. Oral hearings will be held on 14 September 2017 at the Policy/Planning Committee meeting.

19 Weed spraying in parks and reserves

During September a spring flat weed spraying program will commence in a number of Reserves and Parks in Bulls. The spraying will be undertaken at Walker Park, Bulls Domain, Clifton Cemetery, Water tower (Tamahai Street) and a number of smaller reserves. This spraying will mainly be for cape weed which is becoming increasingly prevalent in the regions lawns/sports fields. Spraying will only take place when conditions are favourable at a time it will not adversely affect park users.

All areas to be sprayed will be closed during and following spraying for a period of 24 hours. A registered spraying contractor will be used for this work, and all areas to be sprayed will have warning signs installed for a period of 24 hours during and following spraying advising public of Park closures. All neighbouring properties will be advised by letter-drop of the spraying programme.

20 Plaques: Request for information

Currently the Parks and Reserves department are creating a database of the commemorative trees planted throughout the region. The database captures the tree species, who planted it, when and why it was planted, GPS coordinate, and a photo of the plaque/tree.

The Parks and Reserves department would like further information on commemorative trees planted in the Rangitikei District of Council property. We are hoping that members of the community may know where these trees are and may have a brief history on the tree. Any information can be forwarded to athol.sanson@rangitikei.govt.nz.

21 Late Items

As accepted in Item 5.

22 Next Meeting

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23 Upcoming Meetings in 2017

- 10 October
- 12 December

24 Meeting Closed