



# Rangitikei District Council

## Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 8 August 2017 – 5:30 pm

---

### Contents

1	Welcome .....	3
2	Chair’s Report.....	3
3	Apologies.....	3
4	Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items .....	3
5	Public Forum .....	3
6	Drainage at Scott’s Ferry .....	4
7	Members’ Conflict of Interest .....	5
8	Confirmation of Minutes.....	5
9	Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Committee .....	5
10	Council Response to Queries Raised at Previous Meetings .....	5
11	Update on Place-Making Activities .....	7
12	Update on the Bulls Community Centre .....	7
13	Update from Bulls and District Community Development Manager .....	7
14	Small Projects Grant Scheme Update .....	7
15	Current Infrastructure Projects/Updates and Other Council Activities within the Ward .....	8
16	Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 .....	8
17	Further Consideration of Draft Urban Tree Plan.....	9
18	Change to fees made under the Resource Management Act 1991 - Consultation.....	9
19	Weed spraying in parks and reserves .....	9
20	Plaques: Request for information .....	9
21	Late Items.....	10
22	Next Meeting .....	10
23	Upcoming Meetings in 2017 .....	10
24	Meeting Closed .....	10

**Present:**

Mr Tyrone Barker (Chair)  
Mr Nigel Bowen  
Ms Sandra Boxall  
Ms Tricia Falkner  
Mr Matthew Holden  
Ms Annabel Sidey  
Mr Russel Ward  
Mr Perrin Turner  
Ms Raewyn Turner  
Mr Russell Ward  
Cr Jane Dunn  
Cr Graeme Platt  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:**

Ms Jan Harris, Bulls and District, Community Development Manager  
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner  
Mr David Miller, Asset Engineer  
Mr Glenn Young, Utilities Manager  
Mr David McMillan, Solid Waste and Recycling Officer  
Ms Helen Scully  
Ms Tracey Gibbs  
Mr John Gibbs

**Tabled documents:**

Item 5: Request for extra signs and waste facilities at Bulls Domain for dogs  
Item 5: Scotts Ferry Drainage issues.  
Item 6: Memorandum Scotts Ferry Stormwater  
Item 10: Memorandum Rumble Strips on State Highway One

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the community members and Council staff.

## 2 Chair's Report

The Chair thanked the Committee members for organising the banners for the Criterion Street site, particularly the work Ms Falkner put in. The Chair noted that Ms Vicky Whiteman is no longer on the Committee. The new Ohakea Base Adjutant is FGOFF Alex Bertram and she has replaced FGOFF Jack Wheeler.

## 3 Apologies

### Resolved minute number

### File Ref

That the apologies from Lynette Andrews, Julie Toomey and Alex Bertram, for the whole meeting, from Mayor Andy Watson and Tricia Falkner for lateness, and from Cr Jane Dunn and Sandra Boxall for leaving early be received.

Mr Turner / Cr Dunn. Carried

## 4 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items

No late items were identified. The order of business was amended to reflect the public forum/Council staff present at the meeting.

## 5 Public Forum

Ms Helen Scully spoke about the following matters and provided tabled documents showing an image of a potential dog poo bin and signage:

- Dog owners – request that a picture of the leashed/non-leashed areas is provided at the start of the Domain, along with a warning about enforcement action which might be taken if you do not pick up after your dog. Ms Scully also requested that a dog poo bin is placed near the Kennel Club.
- Ambulance access to the town hall – Ms Scully noted that there is significant H&S documentation when hiring the town hall but, when big events are on, there is not room for ambulance parking. Would like Council to consider a clearway along State Highway 1 (to take up a parking space) so that an ambulance could gain access if required.

The committee discussed Ms Scully's request, and discussed a number of solutions (clearway, submission to the Bylaw, loading zone), however, decided that, at the suggestion of Mayor Andy, that his office would purchase two cones for people hiring the hall to use.

**Undertaking                      Subject      Bulls Town Hall Hireage**

That Council updates the hall hireage documents to identify that cones are available to enable one carpark to be closed off for ambulance access during the event.

**Undertaking                      Subject      Signage at Bulls Domain**

That the signage photos tabled by Ms Scully be forwarded to staff for their consideration.

Ms Tracey Gibbs spoke on the following drainage issues for Scotts Ferry and tabled a document outlining her views:

- Issue 1 – Scotts Ferry is not ratepayer funded.
- Issue 2 – The drainage system is not effective. Lack of maintenance by Council has resulted in performance issues.
- Issue 3 – The closing of the flood gates exacerbates flooding issues for the residents of Scotts Ferry. The flood gates flood paddocks which then flood over Parewanui Road, cutting off access to the village. The flood gates were closed 8 time between 14 and 25 July 2017.
- Issue 4 – Extra pressures on the drainage system. Work on the surrounding dairy farm has increased runoff the village.
- Consequences – Permanent residents, often retired put time into sandbagging, pumping our water and monitoring the situation. This is causing a strain on residents.
- Solution – Become ratepayer funded, increased maintenance of the drains, pumps installed, extend drain heading west.
- Conclusion – Residents do not feel safe in the community.

## **6      Drainage at Scott's Ferry**

Mr Young provided an overview, that Council staff have been to the site and assessed the options. Mr Miller tabled a report which provided an overview of the issues for drainage in Scotts Ferry and some proposed solutions.

The Committee discussed a number of elements of the report, including issues with Amon's drain and extending the western drain through a culvert, accretion of sediment. Mr Miller noted that some maintenance work is already scheduled by the Roding Team on the drains.

**Resolved minute number                      17/BCC/020                      File Ref                      6-SW-1-9**

That the report 'Scotts Ferry Stormwater' dated 8 August 2017 be received.

Ms Falkner / Ms Boxall. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/BCC/021**                      **File Ref**                      **6-SW-1-9**

That the Bulls Community Committee indicates the following drainage improvement works are preferred, and request Council consider prioritising these works for completion as part of the 2017/18 work programme:

- All works identified in Table 1 of the report 'Scotts Ferry Stormwater' provided to the 8 August 2017 Bulls Community Committee meeting.
- Further work to consider the implications (for stormwater management) of the levels along Amon's drain.

Ms Falkner / Ms Boxall. Carried

## **7 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.

No conflicts were declared.

## **8 Confirmation of Minutes**

Mr Turner noted that he was not included as present.

Ms Boxall noted that her apologies and those from Jack Wheeler were not included.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/BCC/022**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CC-1-1**

That the amended 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.

Ms Turner / Mr Holden. Carried

## **9 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Committee**

The Council decisions for the carryover of the small projects fund was noted.

## **10 Council Response to Queries Raised at Previous Meetings**

### Bulls Waste Transfer Station

Mr McMillan provided an overview of the use of the transfer stations. He identified that weekends have the heaviest use, followed by Wednesday, with Monday the least busy. To extend the opening hours would cost an extra \$60 per hour. Usually when hours are extended the same number of people use the transfer station, but over a longer period of time. Mr McMillan suggested a fridge magnet be developed with the opening hours of the transfer station.

The Committee discussed a range of potential solutions, but agreed that 3pm on the weekends was too early for the transfer station to close. Possibly hours could be taken from less busy days and applied to the weekends.

The Committee also discussed whether recycling being available 24/7 was an option. Mr McMillan noted that this is an option, however, it is hard to manage because there is no supervision and results in dumped rubbish.

Discussion was also held about kerbside collection in 70km/h.

**Undertaking                      Subject      Bulls Waster Transfer Station**

That Mr McMillan bring a proposal back to the Committee for amended opening/closing hours of the Bulls Waste Transfer Station to extend the opening hours on the weekend.

**Undertaking                      Subject      Kerbside collection in 70km/h**

That Mr McMillan provide further information to Cr Dunn on kerbside collection in the 70km/h areas in Bulls.

Rumble strips

A memorandum on the issue was tabled. Questions were raised about what the other options were available to address the safety issue.

**Resolved minute number                      17/BCC/023                      File Ref                      3-CC-1-1**

That the memorandum 'Rumble Strips on State Highway One' be received.

Mr Holden / Ms Boxall. Carried

**Undertaking                      Subject      Rumble Strips on State Highway 1**

That the Bulls Community Committee is provided with updates on the discussions between Council's Roading Team and NZTA on the other options available in the area and that any information is emailed to the Bulls Community Committee members when it is available (rather than waiting for the next meeting).

Pedestrian refuge

Concern was raised about the safety of the pedestrian refuge outside of Mobil. A request was made as to whether Council could request NZTA to provided upgrades, potentially similar to the refuge in Sanson.

**Undertaking                      Subject      Pedestrian refuge outside Mobil**

That Council engage in discussions with NZTA for increasing the safety of the pedestrian refuge outside of Mobile and provide the Bulls Community Committee with updates of these discussions.

## 11 Update on Place-Making Activities

The banners have been placed on the Criterion Street site.

The Committee expressed concerns about plans to put a bull in the alleyway outside of the town hall. This could cause safety and access issues.

<b>Undertaking</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Bulls on Council land in Bulls</b>
--------------------	----------------	---------------------------------------

That the Bulls Community Committee is provided with information from Council on the process for approving the bulls on Council land and that the Bulls Community Committee be involved in future decisions about locating the bulls on Council land.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>17/BCC/024</b>	<b>File Ref</b>
-------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------

That the Bulls Community Committee oppose the proposal for a bull to be located in the alleyway outside of the Bulls Town Hall.

Cr Platt / Cr Dunn. Carried

## 12 Update on the Bulls Community Centre

Mayor Watson informed the Committee that Council has not achieved the level of central government for corporate funding that was targeted. There is currently a funding gap which Council is considering how to address.

## 13 Update from Bulls and District Community Development Manager

Ms Harris provided updates on the following activities:

- Arts for Arts Sake exhibition opening next week in the Town Hall. The exhibition will be open for 7 days, with the Wear-a-Bull arts event held the same week.
- Horizons have provided a grant of \$3,043 for upgrades to the picnic area by the river. The local schools will be involved in implementing the projects.
- Connect-a-Bull group is looking at trialling trail cameras for areas where unsociable activities are common.

## 14 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update

The memorandum on the small projects grant scheme was noted.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/BCC/025**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CC-1-1**

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

Ms Turner / Mr Ward. Carried

## **15 Current Infrastructure Projects/Updates and Other Council Activities within the Ward**

### Singapore Air Force

Mayor Watson updated the Committee on the progress in the proposal for Singapore to have F15 aircraft based from Ohakea. A trial with F16 aircrafts will occur later in the year, with Singapore undertaking a range of feasibility assessments. The Minister of Defence is planning on coming to speak with the Bulls Community Committee, the date is yet to be confirmed. The process for complaints, is to refer people to Ohakea.

### Other matters

Ms Turner requested that the report for Community and Leisure Assets include the year for the community meeting that was held on 8 August for the Bulls Community Centre.

Mayor Watson noted that the Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades are being delayed so more collaborative options can be considered. The Havelock North Inquiry is likely to result in increased standards for drinking water.

Discussion was held whether the upgrades would be required to the water tower if it was empty. The Mayor noted that he is waiting on a response from staff.

### **Undertaking                      Subject                      Bulls water tower**

That the Bulls Community Committee requests that information is provided on whether the Bulls water tower will require upgrading if it is empty.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/BCC/026**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CC-1-5**

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

Mr Holden / Ms Sidey. Carried

## **16 Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017**

Mayor Watson noted the draft Bylaw had been prepared in response to traffic related issues that Council cannot currently address. The most contentious issue are the provisions to allow Council to close roads to heavy vehicles. The intent is for road closures to be the last option.



**Resolved minute number**                      **17/BCC/027**                      **File Ref**                      1-DP-1-14

That the memorandum 'Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017' be received.

Mr Turner / Ms Sidey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/BCC/0298**                      **File Ref**                      1-DP-1-14

That the Bulls Community Committee delegate authority to the Chair to put in a submission to the draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 on behalf of the Committee.

Ms Falkner / Ms Turner. Carried

## **17 Further Consideration of Draft Urban Tree Plan**

Discussion was held about the appropriateness of the preferred species, concern was raised that some of the varieties were large.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/BCC/029**                      **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to the Policy/Planning Committee that no changes are made to the draft Urban Tree Plan 2017.

Ms Turner / Mr Holden. Carried

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

Ms Gray provided further examples of what might be considered as a boundary activity or a marginal/temporary activity. The new process will be much simpler for applicants and will be cheaper.

## **19 Weed spraying in parks and reserves**

The agenda note was noted. The Committee will inform the residents of Bulls through the Bulls Bulletin.

## **20 Plaques: Request for information**

The request for information was noted. The Committee members will let Council know if they find anything.

## 21 Late Items

Ms Turner noted that applications for the Community Initiatives Fund, Creative Communities Fund and Events Sponsorship Grant will open before the next Bulls Community Committee meeting.

Mr Barker has had a request from the mother of someone who passed away after experiencing a heart attack on one of the wooden benches in Bulls. The mother would like to place a plaque on the chair to commemorate him. There was mixed discussion on the issue, but concerns about the wording, family names that are already on the chairs, setting a precedent, and the durability of the chair. A suggestion was provided that the mother could donate a chair to the new community centre instead.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/BCC/030**                      **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee do not support the placing of a memorial plaque on the chair in Bulls where a young man recently passed away.

Cr Platt / Mr Bowen. Carried

## 22 Next Meeting

Tuesday 10 October 2017, 5:30pm

## 23 Upcoming Meetings in 2017

- 12 December

## 24 Meeting Closed

8.08pm

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

Date: