



Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 10 October 2017 – 5:30 PM

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Present:

Mr Tyrone Barker (Chair)
Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Matthew Holden
Mr Russel Ward
Mr Russell Ward
Cr Jane Dunn
Ms Alex Bertram
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance:

Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner
Ms Christin Ritchie, Governance administrator
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Service Manager
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Roding Operations Manager

Tabled documents:

Item 14: Earthquake prone buildings priority area consultation

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Alex Bertram from Ohakea.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/031** **File Ref**

That the apologies from Tricia Faulkner, Annabel Sidey, Cr Graeme Platt, Lynette Andrews, Sandra Boxall, Raewyn Turner, Perrin Turner and Jan Harris be received.

Mr Barker / Mr Ward. 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 and Late Items

Nil

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/032** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-1**

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 8 August 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Dunn / Ms Bertram. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair reported the following:

- A meeting with all parties was held to resolve the situation over the bull statue outside the town hall (in the alley). The Fire Chief identified that the bull would not create a fire safety hazard. A light will be placed in the alley way to add to the safety

of the area. Any further placement of bulls will need to go through the Bulls Community Committee.

- Waste transfer station hours have been changed from daylight savings. Feedback from the community has been positive.
- Local real estate agent Carol Lewis from Remax, has agreed to sponsor the fridge magnets with details of the waste transfer station hours. This funding will enable 1300 magnets. A thanks goes to Carol Lewis and her team.

8 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Committee

The Chair noted the issue will be addressed through the Long Term Plan 2018/28

9 Council Response to Queries Raised at Previous Meetings

The following items were noted as addressed:

- Update of hall hireage documents regarding cones.
- The signs and rubbish bins in Bulls Domain. The Committee thanked Mr Sanson.
- Changes to the Bulls Waste Transfer Station hours.
- Kerbside *collection in the 70km/h area in Bulls*
- Bull statue in the alleyway outside the Town Hall
- The system for approval of further proposals for bulls on Council land.
- Additional lighting in the alleyway outside the Town Hall.

His Worship the Mayor has provided the cones for the town hall. The Chair thanked the Mayor for these.

The Committee was still interested to be provided information on the upgrading of the Bulls Water tower if it was empty.

Undertaking Subject Bulls Water Tower

That the Bulls Community Committee be provided with further updates on whether the Bulls Water Tower will require upgrading if it is empty when they are available.

Options for the bend on SH1 near the RSA

Mr Pokiha, Roading Advisor provided a verbal update to the Committee about which included the following points:

- An assessment has been undertaken about the safe speed for the corner. This investigation has shown that the safe speed around the corner is 45km/h.
- Options to address the issues include increased signage – e.g. an electronic corner sign, re-painting the RSA a brighter colour, installing reflectors.
- Given the corner is on a State Highway, discussions and a decision need to occur in conjunction with NZTA.

Questions from Mr Barker about the rumble strips on the entrance into Bulls by the polo grounds. This could address the issue of people falling asleep. There have been a large number of accidents into the RSA, approx. 12-13.

Mr Pokiha noted that NZTA is not usually in favour of putting in rumble strips on state highways. However, he will follow up with NZTA, and asked the Chair to provide the data from the accidents, as this would help prioritise the work. Current data does not have a significant number of accidents at the site.

Pedestrian refuge outside Mobil

- Mr Pokiha noted that NZTA has identified that the refuge is compliant with safety standards.
- The Committee noted they are still concerned with the safety of the refuge.

Undertaking **Subject** Pedestrian refuge outside Mobil

Mr Pokiha will follow up with NZTA about whether there could be improvements to the pedestrian refuge.

10 Update on Place-Making Activities

A number of issues were noted:

- Owner of Superfoods, wants to move the planter to the other side of his store and painted red – to match the Rat Hole. Some help would be needed to do this.
- Working bee upcoming – painting of blackboard and chairs, replanting.
- The maintenance of the bulls was raised as a potential issue. The Chair will follow up.
- Thanks to Russel Ward for fixing the chair outside of the town hall.

11 Update on the Bulls Community Centre Development

The Mayor reported the following:

- Awaiting funding applications, still short of the funding target.
- A dinner has been planned for 19th December, for people that have given substantial funding.
- Have found a site to relocate a dwelling to be renovated and sold. The proceeds will go to the centre.
- A Skyhawk shell has been donated from Ohakea, will go in the carpark of the Community Centre. Still needs to be authorised.
- Council will decide when to release the tenders to the market. It will not be until the tenders come back that the costs will be confirmed.

Cr Dunn showed the Committee plans of the proposed Community Centre and will be putting them up in public places around town.

12 Update from Bulls and District Community Development Manager

No report was available.

13 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update

The memorandum was noted by the Committee.

Cr Dunn requested the Committee approve the paint and potting mix for the working bee.

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/033** **File Ref** 3-CC-1-1

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

Mr Ward / Mr Holden. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/034** **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee approves up to \$300 of funding from the Small Projects Grant for the working bee (for red paint, blackboard paint, potting) from Resene and Mitre 10.

Mr Ward / Mr Holden. Carried

14 Proposed consultation on priority buildings – Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act

Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental and Regulatory Services Team Leader was present at the meeting to provide an overview of the consultation for priority areas – earthquake-prone building.

- The requirements for identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings changed on 1 July 2017.
- Identification of EQPB 2.5 year (priority areas) and 5 years (all other areas).
- Once notice is issued about EQPB then owner has 7.5 years (priority areas) or 15 years (all other areas) to remediate.
- Under the new system Council must consult with the community on areas where the strengthening of earthquake-prone buildings should occur faster due to their location in areas where there are high numbers of people or traffic (priority areas).
- Areas have been identified and consultation is running throughout October.
- Some heritage building owners may have an extension to time and have access to apply for central government funding.

Ms Gray provided further details of the consultation

- A public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18 October in Marton.
- All affected building owners will be specifically sent a letter. Occupiers will also be provided with information about the consultation process.

His Worship the Mayor noted that the reasoning behind the changes is the risk to human life.

Undertaking	Subject	Criteria priority areas
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That Ms Gray email out criteria for earthquake-prone priority areas to the Bulls Community Committee members		
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15 Proposed reference group for combined Marton-Bulls wastewater facility – Membership suggestions

His Worship the Mayor gave a verbal update to the Committee that covered the following points:

- Council has a number of resource consents due for renewal for wastewater plants.
- One option is to combine the Marton/Bulls wastewater systems. This could be a good option given likely issues with gaining future resource consents for the current Marton wastewater discharge.
- Council has an Advisory Group who have a mix of technical and local knowledge for the Marton Wastewater Plant. Given the potential proposal to combine the systems, it is appropriate to add 2 – 3 members from the Bulls community for this group.

The Committee will seek suitable candidates for the Advisory Group and forward them onto Council. One suitable candidate for Council to approach could be Denis Hocking.

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

The Chair noted additional projects occurring around the ward. The fencing around the Bulls Domain is still an issue. A service request will be lodged to address this matter.

Cr Dunn (at the request of Mr Athol Sanson) identified Ms Tricia Falkner as a contact from the Bulls Community Committee to provide input into the upgrading of Funnell's Reserve.

His Worship the Mayor noted the following additional comments:

- Te Kuni Blackmore was awarded a Queens Service Medal. The Mayor was asked to confer the medal as Ms Blackmore was ill.
- Singapore Airforce – F16's have been present in the area recently as a trial. Lots of work is ongoing as to the feasibility of the F15's being based in Ohakea. A social impact study is being conducted, with the researchers looking to speak with 2 – 3 of the Bulls Community Committee members.

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/035** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

That the memorandum 'Extract for Bulls from activity reports to Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 14 September' be received.

Mr Holden / Cr Dunn. Carried

17 Late Items

Nil

18 Next Meeting

Tuesday 12 December 2017, 5:30 pm

19 Meeting Closed

7.00 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: