



Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 12 December 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.

Present:

Mr Tyrone Barker (Chair)
Ms Lynette Andrews
Mr Nigel Bowen
Ms Sandra Boxall
Mr Matthew Holden
Ms Annabel Sidey
Mr Perrin Turner
Ms Julie Toomey
Ms Raewyn Turner
Cr Jane Dunn

In attendance:

Ms Christin Ritchie, Governance administrator

Tabled documents:

Item 11: Local parking enforcement map - Bulls

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Deferred to item 19.

3 Apologies

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/036** **File Ref**

That the apologies from His Worship the Mayor, Mr Russel Ward, Cr Graeme Platt and Ms Alex Bertram be received.

Ms Turner/ Ms Sidey. 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. Ms Annabel Sidey noted a possible conflict as she is a board member for the Bulls and District Community Trust.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items

Discussed in item 19:

- Scotts Ferry ferry
- Neighbourhood Support Group
- Local tagging and shortage of bins in Bulls
- Santoft Domain
- Bulls Christmas Parade

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The Committee has asked that an apology for Jan Harris be added to the minutes, and for a typo on page 5 to be corrected for Mr Baker to Mr Barker.

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/037** **File Ref** 3-CC-1-1

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 10 October 2017, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Toomey / Mr Holden. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair's report will be included in item 19.

8 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Committee

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

9 Council Response to Queries Raised at Previous Meetings

Bulls Water Tower

The Committee were updated in regards to their request for further information on whether the Bulls Water Tower will require upgrading if it is empty.

A report from Calibre informing that cost estimates have been run on the recommended strengthening of the Bulls Water Tower. Further notes on the item were:

- The budget required for any strengthening will be incorporated into the Long Term Plan.
- No Government funding is available for such remedial works.
- The report states that there is no difference in seismic risk between the Bulls Water tower being empty or full.
- Water within the tower is periodically used as backwash; however, other sources are available.

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| Undertaking | Subject | Cost estimates for strengthening of the Bulls Water Tower |
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The Committee requested that the cost estimates be included at the next meeting in February 2018.

Pedestrian refuge outside Mobil

The Committee were advised that the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) are opposed to the installation of steel barrier arms as it significantly increases the risk to traffic (especially motorcycles). Instead, the NZTA suggested a PVC barrier could be installed.

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| Resolved minute number | 17/BCC/038 | File Ref |
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~~That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the PVC barriers be installed on the pedestrian refuge on Bridge Street.~~

~~Mr Barker / Ms Andrews. Carried~~

The request to install the PVC barriers has been sent through to the roading department to be actioned.

Options for the bend on SH1 near the RSA

NZTA have agreed to fund safety improvements for the area, and are in discussions about the form that might take. The Committee would like to be briefed on the suggestions from the NZTA and the Council's Roading Department.

10 Proposed changes to delegations

Cr Dunn spoke to the report, outlining the proposed changes to the Committee's delegations:

Community Initiatives Fund – that the Committee considers local applications, and makes recommendations for approval for a one year trial period.

MoU Group Work Programmes – that the Committee would work with the MoU group to consider and make recommendations to Council for work plan proposals for the year ahead, and to receive progress updates at their bi-monthly meetings. This will help the Bulls Community Committee to become the link between the community and the Council.

Community Facilities/Services – more active consultation process with the Committee in regards to the Bulls Domain.

The Committee were in agreement with the suggested delegations, and were happy to review this in 12 months' time.

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That the report 'Increasing Delegations to Community Committees/Boards' be received.

Cr Dunn / Ms Turner. Carried

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That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that they are supportive of all of the suggested delegations.

Cr Dunn / Mr Turner, Carried

11 Validation of current local parking enforcements (and suggestions for new ones)

The Committee viewed and discussed the tabled map showing the existing parking restrictions:

The members wanted the 10 minute parking restriction on High St extended to cover number 108, as this is a drop off area for the All About Children Childcare. They also wanted the 120 min parking restriction from 106-112 Bridge St reviewed once the new Bulls Community Centre has been established.

The Committee members wanted to know if these restrictions are going to be enforced.

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/041** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-14**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the following changes are made to parking restrictions:

- The 10 minute parking restriction on High Street be extended to cover 106 and 108 High Street.
- The 120 minute parking restriction on 106-112 Bridge Street be revisited once the Bulls Community Centre has been opened.

Ms Boxall / Mr Holden. Carried

12 Update on Place-Making Activities

Cr Dunn provided an update for the Committee:

- Funds for the working bee have been awarded, and work will commence in the New Year – the chairs and blackboard will be repainted.
- Cr Dunn wanted to thank Mr Russel Ward for fixing the chair on Criterion St, and Mr Matthew Holden for fixing the chair outside the town hall. Special mention was made to thank Mr Mike Curtain and Ms Jan Harris for fixing the seats by the river which were cut up recently.

A service request will be made to fix the access road to the picnic area by the river, as this is in bad disrepair.

13 Update on the Bulls Community Centre Development

Mr Barker updated the committee on the development to date:

- The lotteries grant was unfortunately declined, however we will be putting through another application.
- A very generous donation of \$200,000 was made by the Duddings Trust
- The single door has been changed to a double door after feedback
- A total of \$100,000 against a target of \$105,000 has been raised through local fundraising.
- A house donated by Central House Movers, is to be relocated onto a section donated by the Council, and renovated by volunteers. This will be auctioned and the proceeds will go towards the community centre build.
- A fundraising auction is to be held

- The golf tournament raised over \$10,000

The build contract will be going out to tender in the New Year.

14 Update from Bulls and District Community Development Manager

An update was provided by Ms Annabel Sidey:

- The Rose Show was very successful, although she is unsure of the amount raised at this stage.
- Bulls Bags will have their Breakfast launch on Friday at 7.00 am
- The Community Concert will be held on 21 January 2018, 5.00 pm. The Noodles from Wellington have been confirmed as the band.
- The magnets were delivered a few months ago
- The first Neighbourhood Support meeting was held
- The Annual Bulls Christmas Parade was only awarded \$500 for the Event Sponsorship Fund. Ms Jan Harris held a raffle to help cover the shortfall in costs.

The Bulls Community Committee wanted to formally thank Ms Jan Harris for her community work, especially the Christmas Parade.

15 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update

It was noted that an additional \$350 was approved to be paid as a contribution to the Christmas Parade.¹

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/042** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-1**

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

Cr Dunn / Ms Toomey. Carried

16 Outcome of consultation on priority buildings – Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act

Cr Jane Dunn updated the committee:

Council consulted with the community in October 2017 in regards to strengthening earthquake-prone buildings in half the time due to their location in areas where there are high numbers of people or traffic – 'priority areas'.

¹ This was paid directly by Council and is not a charge on the Committee's Small Projects Fund.

A total of 22 written submissions were received, with 5 submitters choosing to speak at the oral hearing. The majority of submissions were opposed to the proposed priority areas, expressing concerns about the economic viability of the proposal.

Following this feedback from the community Council decided to adopt 'no priority areas'.

17 Proposed reference group for combined Marton-Bulls wastewater facility – Membership suggestions

Mr Barker updated the committee:

- Members of the Marton-Bulls Wastewater Facility Advisory Group were confirmed at the Council meeting on 30th November
- Laura Weir, Denis Hocking, Tyrone Barker (Chair BCC) and a representative of the Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society.
- A few proposals have been put forward, but is still a work in progress.

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

No comments were made in regards to the report.

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/043** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

That the memorandum 'Extract for Bulls from activity reports to Assets/Infrastructure Committee, Sep-Oct 2017' be received.

Ms Turner / Mr Barker. Carried

19 Late Items

As accepted in Item 5:

- 1 Ms Heather Thorby, a member of the public, addressed the Committee, with her requests:
 - The bridge on Brandon Hill Road has recently been signposted with weight restrictions of 44 tonnes. The majority of trucks which need to use the bridge are a minimum of 53 tonnes. Trucks not being able to use this route are impacting on stock transport and logging trucks. The bridge has not been upgraded since 1958. The farmers on the road will be asking for rates rebates if the bridge cannot be strengthened.
 - The 'S' Bend on Brandon Hill road is also too narrow for cars and trucks to use safely. The road at the bend is only 5 metres wide.

- There is a poplar tree which is about to fall onto Brandon Hill Road and needs to be removed urgently.

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/044** **File Ref**

- a) That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that a copy of the engineers report for the Brandon Hill Road Bridge be supplied to the committee.
- b) That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the Brandon Hill Road Bridge be strengthened and the 'S' bend be straightened.

Ms Turner / Cr Dunn. Carried

- 2 The bins at the Rangitikei Junction/Wallace Development BP Site are always overflowing. The area has also been tagged.

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/045** **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council to request that Wallace Development increase the number of bins at Rangitikei Junction and to clean up the tagging.

Ms Turner / Ms Toomey. Carried

- 3 The Neighbourhood Support Group had its first meeting where 5 members attended. They are looking to establish a data base of supporters, and would like the Bulls Community Committee to be the points of contact, and to promote the initiative. A Notice will go on the Bulletin.

Undertaking **Subject** **Neighbourhood Support Representative**

Council to advise who the Bulls Neighbourhood Support Group representative is, and to supply contact details.

- 4 The Scott's Ferry community and the Bulls Museum have raised \$7,000 of the \$8,000 target for repairs to the ferry at Scott's Ferry. They are requesting a donation from the Bulls Community Committee.

Resolved minute number **17/BCC/046** **File Ref**

The Bulls Community Committee approves the payment of \$200 from the Small Projects Grant Scheme, payable to the Bulls District Historical Society.

Ms Boxall / Mr Turner. Carried

- 5 A Public meeting was held to discuss getting the Santoft Domain restored as it is one of only three in the Rangitikei area. Some earlier suggestions were for a cricket ground, equestrian events, archery and walking tracks. The Domain has been leased over the years, and these funds have gone into a Santoft Domain fund, and will be used for the restoration. The next meeting will be held in the New Year, and they are hoping to get more people there, including a representative from the Bulls ward. The first course of action will be getting the gorse and lupin removed from the 20 acre domain.
- 6 It was noted that the Bulls Community Centre flyers were not received by most people.
- 7 People felt the communication from the burst water main yesterday was not sufficient.

20 Next meeting

13 February 2017, 5.30 pm

21 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: