



Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Agenda – Tuesday 11 June 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

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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, ie 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

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 12 February 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-1

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 12 February 2019 {as amended/ without amendment} 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

At its meeting on 28 March 2019, Council considered a further report on the Bulls statues and a letter from the Chair of the Bulls & District Community Trust. It decided to confirm that ownership of the Bulls remain with the Trust and to fund ongoing maintenance to a maximum value of \$3,000 per year upon detailed annual invoices.

9 Council Response to Queries Raised at Previous Meetings

No queries were raised at the previous meeting.

10 Investigation of placement of dump stations in Bulls and Hunterville

The report 'Investigation of placement of dump stations in Bulls and Hunterville' from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee is attached.

Recommendation:

That the report from Assets/Infrastructure Committee 11 April 2019 'Investigation of placement of dump stations in Bulls and Hunterville' to the 11 June 2019 Bulls Community Committee be received.

11 Update on town signage

Council staff have not continued to progress the development of the Bull design for the township sign, on the instruction of Cr Jane Dunn. This is due to input being sought by UCOL, who will provide a brief back to the Bulls and District Community Trust. Pending the outcome of this process, an update from staff will be provided. Additionally, both iwi are still in discussion as to the Māori place name for Bulls with staff awaiting the outcome.

12 Update on Place-making projects

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

13 Update on Community Centre Development

The detailed design has been finished and an application for a building consent has been submitted. The closing date for tenders was extended to 10 August 2018. Council considered the evaluation undertaken of the tenders at its meeting on 30 August 2018 and identified a preferred contractor, W & W Construction 2010 Ltd, for subsequent negotiation by the Mayor and the Chief Executive.

There were discussions with Heritage New Zealand to gain an archaeological authority before the tender is awarded and estimates of costs were provided: these could affect the price of the tendered work. This authority is needed because the site was in human occupation before 1900. The archaeological authority was issued on 16 October 2018, but required a 15 working day + 3 day stand-down period (for appeals) before it can be actioned. Following further discussions with the preferred contractor and the JV partners regarding the final development area, Council confirmed (at its meeting on 15 November 2018) the award of the contract to W & W Construction 2010 Ltd and accepted a revised (and larger) footprint area. The target completion time remains December 2019. Progress to date is in line with that timing. Negotiations to secure title have been concluded *apart from finalising shared costs. LINZ questioned one easement which, while now resolved, caused further delay.* Turnaround (and issue of title) is typically one month. Once Council receives title, Lotteries can be asked to release the \$500,000 approved for the project. *That should be early in July.*

Following a blessing and sod turning ceremony, W & W Construction took possession of the site on 10 December 2018. An archaeologist was on site during the excavation for the slab: no items of significance were found.

- *Site highlights of the past month are:*

- *All ground beams complete*
- *Concrete slab to hall area 95% complete*
- *Concrete basement stair complete*
- *Precast stahlton beams delivered to site*
- *A number of steel columns and beams have been installed.*
- *The architect and engineers finalised the shop drawings for electrical, mechanical steel details*

Work continues on sourcing further external funding for the project. In July, the Whanganui Community Foundation approved a grant of \$300,000 for the project. His Worship the Mayor has met with representatives of Te Puni Kokiri concerning funding to highlight Ngati Apa within the development. Arrangements were finalised to relocate the house made available by Central House Movers – the makeover will be a significant community project and will be a substantial contribution to external funding. It is planned to auction it early May with support from Bayleys. The additional resource contribution to this project by Central House Movers has been substantial. Discussions continue with potential developers of the two vacant pieces of land in Bulls owned by Council – at Walton Street and off Johnson Street/Walker Crescent (known as Haylock Park).

14 Update from Bulls Community Development Manager

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

15 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June

A memorandum is attached.

Note: You are only allowed to carry-forward from one financial year to the next, up to 100% of the annual allocation for your Small Projects Grant Fund, with the proviso that this be a specific resolution of the Committee. This is the final meeting for the 2018/2019 period.

File ref: 3-CC-1-1

Recommendations:

1. That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2019' be received.
2. That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme be carried forward to the 2019/20 Financial year.

16 Renaming of Criterion Street to Chris Amon Drive

Council needs to know the Committee's view on this proposal. If it supports the proposal, the next stage is for Council to consider consultation.

A letter from the Bulls Historical Society is attached.

Recommendation:

That the Bulls Community Committee EITHER supports OR does not support the proposal from the Bulls Historical Society to rename Criterion Street to Chris Amon Drive.

17 Development of Road Safety Strategy

The Ministry of Transport will shortly be seeking public feedback on a new road safety strategy that aims to meaningfully reduce the trauma on our roads.

Currently, more than one person is killed every day on our roads, and another seven are injured. The effects of this trauma on families, communities, and the nation is devastating.

Our roads can be challenging and the consequences of small errors can be fatal. We need to improve the safety of our vehicles, our roads and our speeds, so that simple mistakes don't turn into tragedies.

The new strategy will propose a Vision Zero approach to road safety that says that deaths and serious injuries on our roads are unacceptable and preventable. Many countries that have taken a Vision Zero approach have significantly improved the safety on their roads over time.

We also know that travelling on our roads and footpaths can be stressful for many people at times, and we can do more to make this safer and more pleasant for all of us. A safe road transport system ensures that people feel safe to walk or bus or bike, and ensures we design our towns and cities as places people want to be in, not just to travel through.

The draft strategy will propose a vision, some principles for decision making and focus areas for action, and a list of priority interventions. The Ministry of Transport is keen to hear your views when the consultation opens mid-2019.

You can find out more at www.transport.govt.nz/roadsafetystrategy and sign up to stay informed about the consultation.

18 Outcome of SmartyGrants review

At its meeting on 30 May 2019, the Finance/Performance Committee considered a report on Smartygrants™ (the platform facilitating Councils community funding programmes). That report included input from the nominated assessors from each Community Board/Committee. The decisions taken were:

- That the Finance/Performance Committee endorses the continued participation by nominated members of Community Committees/Boards in the initial evaluation of grant applications.
- That the Finance/Performance Committee accepts the findings and remedial actions of staff to continue the use of Smartygrants™ for the 2019/2020 funding rounds.
- That a report be provided to the Finance/Performance Committee before the end of 2019 on using the Council's website to receive grant applications (and facilitating their administration) as an alternative to renewing the contract with Smartygrants™.

The following summarises the process improvements moving forward for the next funding round:

- Where Smartygrants™ is used, all nominated assessors will be contacted by phone or email when applications have been uploaded and are ready for assessment *and* at the start of the week when the assessments are due to be completed. This also will provide assessors with a chance to ask questions about the process or seek clarification about any of the applications. A meeting (including access by conference call) will be offered to the assessors.
- Staff will advise assessors that their commentary will form part of the public report that will be considered by the Finance/Performance Committee.
- The report to the Finance/Performance Committee will be included in the distributed Order Paper rather than being presented at the meeting.
- Applications for the next funding round will be brought forward by two weeks to ensure that assessors have access to the applications in Smartygrants™ together with an accompanying summary report and that the report to the Finance/Performance Committee is completed in time.
- An applicant will not receive funding if assessors support falls under 45%.

19 Youth Update

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 4-EN-12

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Youth Update – May 2019' to the 11 June 2019 Bulls Community Committee be received.

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

An extract is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation:

That the extract 'Current Infrastructure Projects/Updates and other Council Activities within the Bulls Ward' dated April 2019 be received.

21 Changes to RNZAF Base Ohakea Representation on the Committee

On May 30 2019, Council received a formal request, via Mr Barker, from RNZAF Base Ohakea in relation to its representatives on the committee.

The request notes that SQNLDR Sean Willis will be the new representative from Ohakea, with Mr 'John' Luka Sula being the alternative should he be unable to attend.

The Bulls Community Committee may wish to acknowledge the contributions that previous Ohakea staff have made to the committee in the past.

A copy of this letter has been attached.

22 Late Items

As accepted in Item 5.

23 Next meeting

06 August 2019, 5.30 pm

24 Meeting Closed