



# Rangitikei District Council

## Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Agenda – Tuesday 6 August 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 11 June 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-1

### **Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 11 June 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**

### **Carry-forward of small grants fund approved**

At its meeting 27 June 2019, Council approved the carry-forward of any unspent funds from the 2018/19 year of the small projects grants scheme.

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

**Update on footpath issues on Parewanui Road and the corner of Edward and Bridge Streets**

- Parewanui Road – the section of new footpath between Ferry Road and Brandon Hall is on the programme to be completed in the 2019/20 financial year.
- The corner of Edward and Bridge Streets – an update will be provided at the next meeting.

### **Funding for re-grassing Bulls Rugby Club field**

The Bulls Rugby Club can apply for funding to re-grass its field through the Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund. The Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund is a Council fund and is the only one available for capital purchases. The fund is awarded by the Assets / Infrastructure Committee and is open year-round. The Council provides up to 33% in cash of the value – in cash or in kind - of the contribution from the community.

## **10 Update on town signage**

Discussion item.

## **11 Update on Place-making projects**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

## **12 Council Funding Schemes – call for applications**

A media release is attached.

## **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.

*Work on the Bulls Community Centre has steadily progressed. Progress during the past month by on site trades is:*

- *Second floor steel beam installation complete*
- *Second floor precast beam installation complete*
- *Second floor precast beam installation complete*
- *Second floor reinforcing steel installation complete*
- *Second floor concrete pour complete*
- *Fill columns with self-compacting concrete complete*
- *Basement drainage install complete*
- *Drainage for remainder of hall in progress*
- *Topographical survey in progress*
- *Framing for ground floor in progress*
- *North and South Pavilion structural roof steel install in progress*
- *Domestic water supply and power ducting are being installed across Criterion street in progress*

*The project team, architect, and engineers are working to finalising the decorative elements of the building and continuing to work out design details of the bus stop, car park, and town square. Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Parewahawaha are involved in this process.*

*The Council's Audit Director arranged for the Director, Specialist Audit and Assurance Services in Audit New Zealand to review the Bulls Community Centre project in terms of its current status and the approach taken by the Council to planning and delivery of the project. This was done because of the significance of the project not through any particular concerns. The review has entailed scrutiny of a range of documentation and a face-to-face discussion (on 18 July 2019) involving the Project Manager, Community and Regulatory Services Group Manager and the Chief Executive. A report will be provided to the Audit Director. From the informal debrief, there will be useful pointers for the comparable projects in Marton and Taihape.*

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 Ngāti Parewahawaha and Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti 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 expected to be complete by early August* and it is planned to auction it in *late August/early September* with support from Bayleys. The additional resource contribution to this project by Central House Movers has been substantial. *Expressions of Interest have been called from 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 – July 2019**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-1

**Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – July 2019' to the 6 August 2019 Bulls Community Committee be received.

## **16 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 May-June 2019 to the 6 August Bulls Community Committee be received.

## **17 District Youth Update June – July 2019**

A memorandum is attached.

**Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'District Youth Update June – July 2019' to the 6 August Bulls Community Committee be received.

## **18 Renaming of Criterion Street to Chris Amon Drive**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

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

**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.

## **19 Planterbox seating outside Bulls Antiques**

The owner of Bulls Antiques has requested that the seat and planter box outside their premises be moved due to people using the seat and then leaving rubbish in the planter box. Council needs to know the Committees view on the request. If the Committee supports this

request, the next stage would be for the Committee to consider a new location for the planter box and seat.

**Recommendation:**

That the Bulls Community Committee EITHER supports OR does not support the request to move the planter box and seat outside of Bulls Antiques.

**20 Late Items**

As accepted in Item 5.

**21 Next meeting**

8 October 2019, 5.30 pm

**22 Meeting Closed**