



Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Agenda – Tuesday 8 October 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 6 August 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-1

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 6 August 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

Haylock Park

At its meeting 29 August 2019, Council resolved that the area for sale in Haylock Park be 1.6143 ha with the balance 3,124m² being retained for public use.

Variation for Bulls town signage

This is addressed in item 10.

9 Council Response to Queries Raised at Previous Meetings

Letter to Bulls Museum on its proposal to rename Criterion Street to Chris Amon

Mr Barker will provide a verbal update to the Committee.

10 Update on town signage

Discussion item.

11 Update on Place-making projects

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

12 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 is now February 2020.*

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. *Council received title on 13 September 2019; Lotteries paid the \$500,000 (plus GST) approved for the project on 19 September 2019.*

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:*

- *Exterior wall framing for ground floor is complete*
- *Exterior wall framing for first floor is complete*
- *Exterior wall framing for second floor pavilions is complete*
- *Pavilion timber roof framing is complete*
- *Pavilion roof sheathing is complete*
- *Exterior sheathing for ground floor in progress*
- *Exterior sheathing for first floor in progress*

- *Exterior sheathing for second floor pavilions in progress*
- *Electrical rough in has begun*
- *Plumbing rough in in progress*
- *Mechanical rough in has begun*
- *Aluminium window and panel frame work installation is in progress*
- *Steel column and beam intumescent coating in progress*
- *Internal stage framing in progress*
- *Internal lobby/learning centre stair install in progress*
- *Elevator frame installation in progress*
- *First grind of concrete floor of lobby and learning centre in progress*
- *Drainage for remainder of hall in progress*
- *Town square, car park, bus lanes & bus stops out for pricing*

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 *has been* provided to the Audit Director *and management comment requested*. 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. Discussions are in hand with other organisations to see what external funding could be secured.

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 on *2 November 2019* 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). *At its meeting on 29 August 2019, Council reviewed the extent of the latter area to be retained for recreation.*

13 Update from Bulls Community Development Manager

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting

14 Treaty of Waitangi commemoration 2020

A letter from the Prime Minister is attached.

15 Feedback on Annual Residents Survey

Earlier in 2019 Council undertook its Annual Residents Survey. Part of which the purpose is it set councils improvements plan for the upcoming year. While the feedback gathered has provided council with useful graphs showing various levels of satisfaction, what has been less forthcoming is feedback on how council can improve those statistics. In order to help us better service the community we are asking the Committee to offer specific improvement ideas for council to consider. The following aspects of the survey being the most relevant to Bulls.

Parks

While the majority of respondents were satisfied with Parks, Open spaces and Sports Fields in Bulls, the percentage of dissatisfaction indicates room for improvement. What specific suggestions can you offer council to undertake to improve the Parks, Open spaces and Sports Fields of Bulls. Please specify areas by name or location.

Toilets

While the majority of respondents were satisfied with various aspects of the Public Toilet facilities there was a level of dissatisfaction that indicates room for improvement. What specific suggestions could council consider to increase levels of satisfaction for Public Toilets in Bulls? Please specify what toilet by location.

Playgrounds

What specific suggestions can offer council make to improve the Playgrounds in Bulls? Please specify playground by location.

Cemeteries

What specific suggestions can offer council make to improve the Cemetery in Bulls.

Administration Buildings

What specific improvements can you offer to increase satisfaction levels of the Marton Administration Building?

Libraries

There was a level of dissatisfaction with both the Marton and Bulls libraries, can you offer specific improvements ideas that council could undertake to improve these results?

Wastewater

What specific aspects of the wastewater service do you think council needs to focus on?

Customer service

While there was a high level of respondent's satisfied or very satisfied with councils customer service there was a still a reasonable portion that had a neutral response. What specific improvements could council make to increase customer service satisfaction?

Elected members

The survey produced a high response rate of neutral when asked the level of satisfaction with Elected members response timeframes and handling of the queries, why do think this might be?

Communication and Publications

The survey produced a high response rate of neutral for council communication and publications, what specific improvements could council make in this area?

16 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2019

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-1

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2019' to the 8 October 2019 Bulls Community Committee be received.

17 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report - September 2019

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4-8

Recommendation:

That the 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report - September 2019' to the 8 October 2019 Bulls Community Committee be received.

18 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 August 2019 to the 8 October Bulls Community Committee be received.

19 Arrangements for establishing new Community Committees and Reserve Management Committees

All community committees and reserve management committees are discharged on Election Day 12 October 2019. Nominations for the new committees will open 24 October 2019 and close on 7 November 2019. If there are too few or too many nominations, a public meeting is called. As with Council's other community committees, the Bulls Community Committee formed for the 2019-2022 triennium must have between seven and a maximum of ten members.

At its meeting 26 September 2019, Council resolved that those nominated for election for the 2019-22 triennium Community Committees must be elected by residents on the most recent District electoral roll and live within the ward that the principal town that the community committee represents. Those who are nominated and people nominating them must reside within that area. Representatives who are elected to a Community Committee, can only be a member of one Community Committee.

20 Late Items

As accepted in Item 5.

21 Next meeting

This is the final meeting of the 2016/19 triennium.

22 Meeting Closed