



Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 15 September 2020 – 6:00 pm

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Present: Mr Tyrone Barker (Chair)
Ms Danelle Whakatihi
Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Bruce Dear
Ms Tricia Falkner
Ms Nicole Harrison
Mr Matthew Holden
Ms Raewyn Turner
Mr Russel Ward
Mr Sean Willis
Councillor Brian Carter
Councillor Jane Dunn
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator
Mr Paul Chaffe, Emergency Management (Civil Defence)
Ms Helen Scully, Bulls and District Community Trust – Chair
Mr Graeme Platt
Ms Heather Thorby
Ms Helen Cooper
Ms Bronwyn Meads
Mr Paul Sharland

Tabled Items: **Item 2** – Mr Graeme Platt’s presentation to the Committee
Item 7 – Chair’s report
Item 7 - Resignation from Committee of Tricia Falkner
Item 13 – Background on the Bulls Entrance Sign

1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

3 Apologies

That the apology for lateness of Ms Raewyn Turner be received.

4 Member's conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2 Public Forum

Ms Turner arrived 6.03pm.

Graeme Platt

Mr Graeme Platt addressed the Committee in regards to the 'A Bull' branding, noting the quirky, humorous brand of 31 years is under threat. He told the Committee that he has been contacted by four local businesses who expressed they did not want change, along with the feedback listed on Facebook. He believes that pamphlet drop with the township signs and branding does not comply with basic consultation.

Mr Platt advised that the Bulls brand is known worldwide and is different from other townships in the district.

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/021** **File Ref**

That the presentation from Mr Graeme Platt's public forum speech be received as a tabled document.

Mr Dear/Ms Turner. Carried

Helen Scully

Ms Helen Scully of the Bulls & District Community Trust provided an update on the current branding. She expressed that the Township Entrance Sign and "A-Bull" branding are separate, where she cannot comment on the Township Entrance Signage as this is the work of the Bulls Community Committee, though the Trust have assisted the Committee in the process as they were not fond of the image options provided from Council.

In regards to the A-Bull branding, which the Trust are caretakers of - there are no updates to provide as yet.

Heather Thorby

Ms Heather Thorby voiced her concerns over the consultation process followed for the signage/A-Bull branding. She noted that the results were not brought back to the Committee to discuss, but straight to Council. She also expressed that there was no status quo within the

options presented, and the feedback from the community had not been handed over for consideration.

While Ms Thorby had concerns over the process, she accepted change, but asked that the fun is not lost in the branding.

Mr Bowen indicated that it appears there has been confusion within the community and attendees between the new Town Entrance Sign and the A-Bull branding.

5 Confirmation of order of business

There was a reshuffle of agenda items to allow for speakers to leave the meeting after their item.

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,

- Parewanui Road, road works
- Bulls Community Centre

be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	20/BCC/022	File Ref	3-CC-1-1
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That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 21 July 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Barker/Mr Holden. Carried

12 Civil Defence Community Response Plan

Mr Paul Chaffe spoke to the Committee and gave an update on what Council is doing in regards to the Civil Defence Community Response Plan.

- The Civil Defence Community response plan is a plan that the community writes and enacts in the case of an event, this could mean an event specific to the community.
- Central Government dictate the regulations around Civil Defence Centres where we have only three on the district, Taihape, Marton and Bulls. However there are less regulated centres known as Welfare Centres such as townships like Mangaweka.
- An event specific to Bulls could be the likes of a man made event – there are approximately 22,000 vehicles that travel through each day, at least once a month a nuclear load travels through.
- Since the Covid-19 pandemic hit, there has been more emphasis on resilient communities.

There were no volunteers to take on the Civil Defence Community Response Plan, Ms Clayton will follow up with Mr Chaffe whether the previous group responsible for the Community Response Plan is still interested in continuing the work.

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/023** **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee discuss the Civil Defence Community Response Plan in full at the November Committee meeting.

Ms Falkner/Mr Barker. Carried

Undertaking **Subject**

Ms Clayton to follow up with Mr Chaffe whether the previous group responsible for the Community Response Plan are interested in continuing the work.

7 Chair's Report

Mr Barker tabled a written report, noting the following points:

- Bulls Community Centre officially opens 25 September 2020.
- Ms Falkner has resigned from the Committee, effective 1 October 2020 and thanked her for her time on the Committee and work done on the town signs.

The Committee expressed they prefer a written report and if possible that it is presented earlier than on the day of the meeting, along with bullet points of the verbal update in the minutes.

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/024** **File Ref**

That the resignation of Committee member Tricia Falkner from the Bulls Community Committee, as from 1 October 2020 be received and accepted.

Ms Turner/Mr Willis. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/025** **File Ref**

That the tabled 'Chair's Report' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Cr Carter/Cr Dunn. Carried

10 Bulls Community Co-Ordinator Report

There are no updates to provide this month.

8 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Committee

Installation of rubbish bins

The commentary in the agenda was noted.

Dog litter bag dispensers

The commentary in the agenda was noted, with Committee members noting disappointment in Council's decision and that not all dog owners are irresponsible. However, they accepted that irresponsible dog owners would not likely use a bin.

9 Council Response to Queries Raised at Previous Meetings

Process of being co-opted onto a Committee

This will be an agenda item in the November order paper.

Update on the car parked at the Bulls bus stop

The commentary in the agenda was noted.

His Worship the Mayor updated Committee members that Council do have a process to follow in order to enact, they must serve notice to move the vehicle.

11 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

His Worship the Mayor spoke to the memorandum, and explained the 10 year Long Term Plan process, that it is reviewed every three years, noting the plan identifies what we are going to do and how much it will cost, and aligns to Council 30 year strategic vision. Presentations will be made to communities for Council's pre-engagement process; this is to take into consideration the community's wishes and wants can be folded in, he also noted that a single person or group can submit to the LTP if they wish.

Resolved minute number

20/BCC/026

File Ref

3-CC-1-5

That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee meeting be received.

Cr Carter/Ms Whakatihi. Carried

14 Bulls playground – Devon Crescent and Kittyhawk Row

Mr Willis spoke to the item highlighting the following:

- The New Zealand Defence Force wants to raise awareness of the vandalism happening at the Devon Crescent and Kittyhawk Row playground.
- It has cost approximately \$5,000 over the past 5 years to maintain the playground.
- The playground appears to be a congregating area for some of the community.
- There are no Defence personnel residing in the area currently. Long term plan is to move the married quarters off base and into the NZDF owned homes.
- Under current standards, it would be estimated \$15,000 - \$30,000 to replace.
- The NZDF is recommending to demolish the existing playground, and turn the area into greenspace.

The Committee advised that the playground is well used, predominantly by Clifton School children; however, there is a park down the road as well as Clifton School to play at if the existing playground was to be removed.

Mr Willis noted the consensus of wanting to retain the playground. He queried whether a co-funded agreement with Council would work; however, he will re-engage at the next Committee meeting in November.

15 Proposed Pedestrian Crossing Light

Mr Barker updated the Committee that he has been approached by some community members expressing the need of a safe option to cross Bridge Street – highlighting Mr Chaffe's earlier comment that 22,000 vehicles pass through the town daily.

He proposed a Pedestrian Crossing Light at the refuge island outside the Four Square would be ideal – similar to one in Palmerston North outside BP and QEC and one in Otaki, only stopping traffic when someone wishes to cross the road.

The Committee discussed the idea, expressing the view that a light could cause congestion and block traffic, as it does in Otaki, with the potential of people pushing the button while walking past rather than using the crossing.

The Committee agreed that a safe option to cross Bridge Street is much needed.

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/027** **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommend to Council to work alongside the New Zealand Transport Agency to explore safe options of crossing Bridge Street in Bulls.

Ms Turner/Mr Barker. Carried

13 Town Signage

Ms Falkner updated the committee on the where the Town Signage process is, she advised the following:

- Over the past 18 months there have been several workshops with the sub-committee; these have not been minuted.
- Of the 120 options – paintings, sketches, silhouettes, images, it was agreed to go with silhouettes.
- There has been email consultation throughout the process.
- There were 121 respondents to the pamphlet drop
- Of the 121, 68% favoured Option A.
- The intention is to bring the town together as a unit, large flags through the town, from Bull to Bull, to feel as one town.

Ms Falkner also noted that she has email correspondence that can be provided to the Committee.

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/028** **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council to endorse Option A (on the basis of the outcome of the recent pamphlet drop in Bulls in August 2020) as the new Bulls Town entrance sign.

Mr Barker/Cr Dunn. Carried

16 Logo design and by-line ‘A Voice to the Community’

The commentary in the agenda was noted.

17 Mayoral Update

His Worship the Mayor touched briefly on his report, highlighting:

3 Waters reform programme - Central Government are driving to see Potable, Waste and Storm water provided by multi-regional entities, rather than individual councils. Council has signed the MoU for Tranche 1, which a grant of \$4.8 million will be paid to improve aging infrastructure (as seen with the Havelock North incident and Kaikoura earthquake) or operational expenses. Council will need to enter a discussion with regional partners on a potential aggregated model for three waters before a decision is required in June 2021. This will be one of the biggest decision for all councils to consider.

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/029** **File Ref**

That the ‘Mayoral Update’ to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Cr Carter/Cr Dunn. Carried

18 Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020

The memorandum was taken as read.

Ms Turner congratulated the successful Bulls recipients:

- Emile Richardson – Hautapu Pine Youth in Sport Award and Outstanding Youth of the Year Award
- Monique Whiteman – New World Marton Youth for Youth Award
- Irihapeti Whakatihi – Fortuna Forest Products Youth in Employment Award

Undertaking	Subject
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Staff to email the Bulls Community Committee the Youth Award winners, highlighting the Bulls residents.	
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That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee meeting be received.	
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Ms Whakatihi/Cr Carter. Carried

19 Placemaking

Cr Dunn provided the following updates:

- The planter boxes down High Street, across from Platt's pharmacy will need to be moved, due to development of the area.
- In need of more volunteers to add to the roster to plant / water plants around town, if there are 12 people then it works out to be 4 weeks over the year.

Ms Whakatihi and Ms Falkner both put their names forward to assist with the watering of plants in town.

There were suggestions of moving the planter boxes to the Devon Crescent Park, to be used as seating. As the land is owned by the Defence Force, Cr Dunn will follow this option up with Mr Willis after the meeting.

Undertaking	Subject
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Cr Dunn to follow up with Mr Willis on whether the planter boxes can be moved to the defence force owned Devon Crescent park.	
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20 Small projects Grant Scheme update – September 2020

The memorandum was taken as read.

Ms Falkner noted that the work Steve Leurink had provided for the Bulls town images, was worth at least \$500-\$600, and that the Bulls Community Committee appreciates the work.

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/031** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-2**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2020' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Ms Turner/Mr Dear. Carried

21 Community Grants

The commentary in the agenda was noted.

Ms Turner updated the Committee that she has received her Events Sponsorship applications to assess and encouraged the Committee to circulate the grants information out to their networks, which in turn could bring money back into the community.

22 Late Items

Parewanui Road, upgrade

Mr Dear acknowledged the great work Higgins have been doing on Parewanui Road – which came from a recommendation from the Committee, noting 1.8km has been completed with 800m to go.

His Worship the Mayor offered to pass on the committee's thanks to Higgins and personnel who have worked on the job.

Bulls Community Centre

Ms Turner was grateful for the opportunity to view the new centre, noting she would be interested in seeing a green space.

Mr Barker requested any feedback on the Bulls Community Centre to be emailed to him.

Roading

Mr Barker queried whether the refuge island outside Four Square was to be receiving a barrier and where Council / NZTA were with the speed reduction requests of 70km from the Committee.

Undertaking **Subject**

Staff to follow up with NZTA on whether a barrier is being installed at the refuge island outside Foursquare on Bridge Street in Bulls.

Undertaking **Subject**

Staff to follow up with roading manager and the New Zealand Transport Agency on the request for a speed reduction from 100km - 70km zone in Bulls.

23 Future Items for the Agenda

Parking Bylaw

Civil Defence Community Response Plan

Process of co-opting onto a Committee

24 Next meeting

Tuesday 17 November at 6.00 pm

25 Meeting Closed

Mr Barker took the opportunity to remind the Committee of the impending opening of the Bulls Community Centre, the official opening will be held Friday 25 September, and the family open day to be held on Saturday 26 September, expressing the contractors have done a great job that they should be proud of.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: