

ORDER PAPER

BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 8 December 2021

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Ohakea Room, Te Matapihi
Bulls Community Centre
4 Criterion Street
Bulls

Deputy Chair: Ms Danelle Whakatihi

Chair: Mr Matthew Holden

Membership: Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Bruce Dear
Ms Nicole Harrison
Ms Raewyn Turner
Mr Russel Ward
Mr Dennis Moratti
Ms Candace Ashby
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Coral Raukawa
HWTM Andy Watson (ex officio)

Purpose of the Committee

- To provide a local link and point of contact for Council liaison with the community.
- To provide for the exchange of information, communication, and to assist with the Council's consultative processes.
- To exercise delegated authority for the annual allocation of \$1.00 per rateable property for "defined small local works" in line with the guidelines provided¹.
- Particularly, to help ensure that any minor remedial or renewal works are brought to Council's attention through the Request for Service procedure, by promoting its use and advising community members on how to use it.
- To be the first point of contact (prior to Council) for community groups. Where this is not possible, the Committee will be informed of the approach by the community group to the Council.
- Applications for the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund are considered and commented on by the Committee prior to the application being considered by Council.
- Placemaking initiatives that are taking place on Council land will be considered and commented on by the Committee before the application is considered by the Chief Executive.
- To engage with wider/small communities of the ward represented.

Quorum

The quorum for the Bulls Community Committee is 6.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 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.

At least 1 Elected Member must be present at the meeting.

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¹ Appended to the Delegations Register

Notice is hereby given that a Bulls Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Ohakea Room, Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre, 4 Criterion Street, Bulls on Wednesday, 8 December 2021 at 6.00 pm.

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AGENDA

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2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

No public forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

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, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Bulls Community Committee Minutes

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 11 August 2021 are attached.
- 1.2 The minutes from the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 13 October 2021 are attached.

Attachments

1. Bulls Community Committee Minutes - 11 Aug 21
2. Bulls Community Committee Minutes - 13 Oct 21

Recommendation 1

That the minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 11 August 2021, **[as amended/without amendment]**, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Recommendation 2

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MINUTES



UNCONFIRMED: BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Present

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Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Bruce Dear
Ms Nicole Harrison
Mr Matthew Holden
Ms Raewyn Turner
Mr Russel Ward
Mr Greg Smith
Ms Candace Ashby
Mr Dennis Moratti
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Coral Raukawa
HWTM Andy Watson

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1 Welcome

The meeting began at 6.06 pm. His Worship the Mayor chaired the meeting and advised the Committee that nominations will be called for a new Chair, new Deputy Chair and new Committee members.

2 Apologies

Mr Nigel Bowen was an apology.

Cr Coral Raukawa arrived at the meeting at 6.26 pm.

3 Elections

3.1 Election of New Chair for the Bulls Community Committee

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/013

Nominated Ms Danelle Whakatihi as Chairperson.

Ms R Turner/Mr M Holden. Carried

3.2 Election of Deputy Chair for the Bulls Community Committee

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/014

Nominated Mr Matthew Holden as Deputy Chairperson.

Ms D Whakatihi/Mr R Ward. Carried

3.3 Election of New Committee Members

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/015

Nominated Mr Greg Smith as a new Committee member.

Mr B Dear/Ms N Harrison. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/016

Nominated Ms Candace Ashby as a new Committee member.

Ms N Harrison/Ms R Turner. Carried

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Nil.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

New business items:

- Mirror at Holland Cres
- Letter from Mr Jim Howard - planting and maintenance of trees.
- Assessment Committees
- Art Works
- Green Space
- Curbing Taumaihi Street
- Town Maps
- Speed
- Sale of Old Town Hall, Old Info Centre, Plunket rooms, Old Library

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/017

The minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 10 March 2021 were confirmed.

Mr B Dear/Ms R Turner. Carried

7 Mayoral Update

7.1 Mayoral Update – August 2021

Written reports accepted as read.

Substantial Build at Ohakea. There could be up to 1500 construction workers on base at any one time. Support work is proceeding a little behind.

Questioned: Coffee Cart on site. Response.....possibility

Defence Estate - housing - discussion

Schools & pre-schools

3 Waters - aggregation of Waters into one entity. (Drinking, Waste, Storm)

(based on Scottish Scheme)

Rangitikei is in the B group - South of Auckland to Rangitikei.

More information coming out in the next 7 weeks.

It could become that Local Councils will not have the opt out option.

The Govt may choose to mandate.
Due October - consultation may start but Local Councils have not been informed YET.

Change in Resource Management Act. Options may be decided by Regional Entities.

At present we work alongside Manawatu on lots of issues.

RDC have invested substantially in the first 3 years of LTP.

Local Govt has said to Central Govt that their timeline is too short. Plus inclusion of iwi.

Weighting on Entity Board reps (12).
Implied there will be several thousand new people employed.
Govt has already by law a new regulatory body looking at requirements and as an economic regulator.
Compliant to existing standards.

Minister Mahuta was asked if she would mandate it....response..."the conversation has moved on".

Extension on Te Matapihi.

Options discussed re changing room: Do nothing, under stage (could have difficulty with compliance)... Council looking further at a stand-alone building. No decision yet.

To date: Construction close 5.65million. Total project approximately 8.6 million (cost will come down once obsolete buildings are sold).

Building now is compliant.

8 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

8.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

Rubbish Bins at River

There was a bin and that it got damaged.
G Smith shared that in his experience fly tipping is a problem
Locally the resolved that if locals picked it up and had a process and the local council would pay for disposal. Because of Health and Safety this practice was stopped
Signage - it was suggested that signage could be put at the river.
In our previous minutes it was stated that "the installation of litter bins would likely result in a significant increase of illegal dumping in and around the location of the bins, resulting in additional costs to Council."

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/018

The Bulls Community Committee would request that a rubbish bin/s and regular collection be organised for the picnic area at the Bulls river for a 6 month trial. Ask that the main contractor be asked to action this. We ask that this will be a trial to see if there will be an increase of illegal rubbish dumping.

Mr B Dear/Mr R Ward. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/019

The Bulls Community Committee requests that the RDC contacts Wallace Development and request that they supply more bins and arrange for more regular disposal of the contents.

Ms R Turner/Ms N Harrison. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2021

Bikes and Scooters at Te Matapihi

The BCC are concerned that due to the dropping of bikes and scooters outside Te Matapihi we Investigate the price of cycle/scooter rack that could be put in front of the building.

Children do not have the means to lock their possessions on the racks closer to the what will be the bus lane. Bruce will go to Road Runners to discuss options.

The BCC thanks the RDC for rolling over the balance of Small Projects Grant Scheme

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/020

Report accepted as read.

Ms D Whakatihi/Ms R Turner. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Humphrey Subdivision

Update. Land has been bought.

10.2 The Beautification of the Reservoir

Ms Turner and Mr Dear will work on developing a process.

11 Late Items

11.1 Concave Mirror for Holland Crescent

Mr Benadie asked Waka Kotahi for more information who stated it was a low volume area and they would not be installed.

Cr Carter will contact Heather Lewer (Waka Kotahi) and discuss it further. Difficulty of cars/trucks parking on road. Will pursue this matter.

11.2 Correspondence Jim Howard - Marton

Looks after tree maintenance and beautification by Bulls Bridge, now unable to manage the tasks required.

Ms Whakatihi will follow up with the Bulls Community Trust.

11.3 Assessment Committees

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/021

BCC requests the reasoning and consultation process for the changes to the Assessment Committees be given.

Ms R Turner/Mr D Moratti. Carried

11.4 Greenspace

Still in consultation with local iwi.

Question: How will the build on the corner impact on the green space?

All members please Spread the news and have ideas for Greenspace.

11.5 Speed on Criterion St and Taumaihi St

Concern. We need some deterrent.

Perhaps a "Speed Cameras may be operating" sign may help or perhaps speed bumps.

RDC please look at traffic calming options within these areas.

11.6 Town Maps

We need a map to show where everything is.

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Resolved minute number 21/BCC/022

BCC recommend that they build a static display of the streets and local facilities.

Ms N Harrison/Ms R Turner. Carried

11.7 Sale of the old Town Hall, Library, Plunket Rooms and Bus Stop

BCC would like an update on progress of the above.

Next meeting:

Ms Whakatihi – please send request to members for agenda items.

The meeting closed at 8.13 pm..**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 13 October 2021.**.....
Chairperson

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Present

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Mr Bruce Dear
Ms Nicole Harrison
Mr Matthew Holden
Ms Raewyn Turner
Ms Candice Ashby
Cr Brian Carter

In attendance

Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Community Development Manager

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1 Welcome**2 Apologies**

Mr Moratti and Mr Smith are apologies.

3 Public Forum

No Public Forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Bike Racks, Watering roster for planters, Blackboard by Platts, Town Seats, BCC minutes on RDC website, Minutes, Community Info packs, Minutes.

6 Chair's Report**6.1 Chair's Report - October 2021**

What do we see as our purpose? To be discussed in General Business.

7 Mayoral Update**7.1 Mayoral Update - September 2021**

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/023

That the Mayoral Update – September 2021 be received.

Cr B Carter/Ms R Turner. Carried

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Community-led Development of Council Owned Facility Guide

Nardia Gower spoke to the BCC

There is a lot of community interest in local developments.

The guide is a conversation starter. It may be amended and refined as time goes on.

Danelle praised the format and ease of information within the document.

Council contacts will be matched to the project.

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/024

That the report 'Community-Led Development of Council Owned Facilities Guide', including the attachment, to the Bulls Community Committee 13 October 2021 meeting be received.

Cr B Carter/Ms D Whakatihi. Carried

8.2 Bulls Community Development Trust MoU Partnership 2021-2022

Nardia spoke on the MoU which is reviewed every 3 years.

RDC acknowledges that the money invested in MoU usually goes to staff costs.

The scope of the Trusts work goes far further than what is prescribed.

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/025

That the report 'Bulls and District Community Trust MoU Partnership 2021-2022' to the Bulls Community Committee 13 October 2021 meeting, be received.

Ms R Turner/Ms D Whakatihi. Carried

8.3 Small Projects Fund Update - October 2021

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/026

That the 'Small Projects Fund Update – October 2021' report be received.

Ms D Whakatihi/Ms N Harrison. Carried

8.4 Funding Schemes Update - October 2021

Concern on applications for Rural Travel Funding is open for a short period of time.

There has been concern from the Committee that reports have not been filled out properly.

Could the Council please look at having some flexibility on applications process for the Rural Travel Fund.

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/027

That the Funding Schemes Update – October 2021 be received.

Ms D Whakatihi/Mr N Bowen. Carried

8.5 Community Development Manager Report - October 2021

Will need help for Christmas Parade and Whanau Day.

Art for Arts Sake – a very successful event.

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/028

That the Community Development Manager Report – October 2021 be received.

Ms R Turner/Mr M Holden. Carried

8.6 Council's Social Media Policy - Provided for Information

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/029

That the report 'Council's Social Media Policy – Provided for Information' be received.

Ms R Turner/Ms N Harrison. Carried

8.7 Rangitikei Destination Management Plan 2050

Jen Britton – Strategic Advisor, District Promotion.

Aspirational for the next 40 years.... tourism... infrastructure... businesses....

Online platform – ask questions.

Basically mandated by central government to get funding.

Laying right foundations to grow in this space.

Target right audience to come and visit.

A working group – private sector, elected member, LTP - what it offers to the visitors, tours, heritage homes... giving more development.

Consult - how do you get people to engage. Living doc.

Who is it targeted for? How do we enhance tourism? What do we have to offer? How can it be environmentally, economically, culturally sustainable? What opportunities can be offered within the community and for visitors. What do we want to share? What does it look like?

Community buy in to help business be more sustainable.

Is signage good? How can the resources be improved? Local knowledge... add to the virtual noticeboard.

Share you views, opportunities. Build relationships. Diversity of thought and geographically.

Visit Rangitikei. How to future proof.

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/030

That the report 'Rangitikei Destination Management Plan 2050' be received.

Ms D Whakatihi/Ms R Turner. Carried

9 Discussion Items

9.1 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond

Katrina Gray spoke – special planning project. Future land use.

Greatest growth in Rangitikei is Bulls. Town centres, industrial, what communities do we want and what do we do to get there.

Community Engagement in 2022. Draft special plan doc – back out to community, updated and then adopted. Links to other RDC docs

Advisory committee – 8 people.

Growth with Air Force personnel.

RDC is planning to develop a Park Strategy.

Thank you for including us early in the discussion.

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/031

That the report 'Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond' be received.

Ms D Whakatihi/Ms N Harrison. Carried

10 Late Items

10.1 Proposal for Design and Pricing for Bike and Scooter Racks for Te Matapihi

Discussion by Bruce Dear. Needs to be bolted to the concrete (local builder??).

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/032

The BCC would like to recommend that we place a scooter rack at Te Matapihi at a suitable location. We would like to recommend under the walkway at the front of the building.

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On confirmation of the quote price we would like the Council to consider splitting the cost between the BCC and the RDC.

Ms R Turner/Ms D Whakatihi. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/BCC/033

The BCC would like to ask permission from the RDC to paint the Reservoir at the corner of Taumaihi St and Kittyhawk Row.

Ms R Turner/Ms D Whakatihi. Carried

10.2 Digital Awareness**Resolved minute number 21/BCC/034**

The RDC website does not have easy access for Community Committee information including the purpose of the committee, Contact details, committee members meeting details and meeting minutes and order papers. Could we please look at the MDC website and make it better.

Ms C Ashby/Ms R Turner. Carried

10.3 Meeting Date: Wednesday, 1 December

We are open to members Zooming into meetings.

Minutes of the meeting will be forwarded.

10.4 Other Items

Watering of the planters – who would like responsibility?

Town Seats –

Blackboard –

Placemaking Plans – UCOL - Trish Faulkner. Raewyn to follow up.

Agenda item for next meeting: Our purpose our roles and how we network within our community.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 8 December 2021.

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Chairperson

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7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Bulls Community Committee meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

- 2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Attachments

1. **Follow-up Actions Register**

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

| From Meeting Date | Details | Person Assigned | Status Comments | Status |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|--|-------------|
| 13-Oct-21 | As per resolution 21/BCC/034 : The RDC website does not have easy access for Community Committee information including the purpose of the committee, Contact details, committee members meeting details and meeting minutes and order papers. Could we please look at the MDC website and make it better. | Ash Garstang | Have emailed the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Bulls Community Committee 16 Nov 21. | In progress |
| 13-Oct-21 | Regarding the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund: The Committee requested that staff look at having some flexibility on the application process, noting that the round is only open for a short period of time. | Ash Garstang | Opened the round 16 Nov 21 so that the application period is longer (closes 03 Apr 22). This also aligns the funding round with other funds that Council manages in terms of the opening period for applications. | Closed |
| 11-Aug-21 | BCC requests the reasoning and consultation process for the changes to the Assessment Committees be given. | Ash Garstang | Emailed Ms Turner, Ms Whakatihi and Mr Moratti 21 Oct 21 with the relevant Finance/Performance and Council resolutions from late 2020. Advised that Cr Belsham and Cr Carter would be the best people to contact for more information, as the administrator who attended this meeting is no longer at Council. | Closed |
| 11-Aug-21 | RDC please look at traffic calming options on Criterion St and Taumaihi St. | Arno Benadie | Traffic counting tubes to be put on Criterion and Taumaihi St for a week. The date collected will determine traffic counts, speeds and times to see if traffic calming is required. | In progress |

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - December 2021

Author: Danelle Whakatihi, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair may provide an update during the meeting.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report – December 2021 be received.

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - November 2021

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

1. As I write this report it is pouring outside and has done so for the last couple of days. While any rain at this time of the year is appreciated, as we need to desperately build up soil moisture levels, at the moment this is the cropping window for our district. The crops being planted are vulnerable for a very short time before germination has occurred and there will be a large number of cropping farmers nervous. While I'm on the farming sector that we absolutely rely on for our district I will make comment around where the markets are at. The red meat sector, driven by freezing works schedules, is incredibly buoyant, dairy payments are high and virtually every sector is showing somewhere between a 20-30% increase on last year. However, the cost of raw supply has also dramatically increased, the cost of freight and fertiliser in particular means that the net benefit over the last year is there but only to a slight extent.
2. What we are now seeing is the slow crawl of Covid southwards from Auckland. It is a matter of when not if we have Covid within the Rangitikei. It is now in the Wairarapa, South Taranaki Tararua and Taupo Districts and it is inevitable we will be hit. I would encourage everybody to get vaccinated and for those people who elect not to do so, I respect your personal choice. What I am seeing around the country at the moment is an incredible amount of unrest and demonstrations around not only the anti-vax position but other Governmental positions such as Three Waters. We are undoubtedly facing uncertain times. Like many organisations such as schools and prison services Council needs to go through its own process, driven by the Chief Executive, as to how we handle Covid and vaccination status as an organisation. It is likely that in Council buildings areas will be split between general public access and areas that only vaccinated staff can work in. Latest updates can be found on our website or via the covid19.govt.nz website. The threat and risk of Covid means that a number of things have to change. We have already had a number of events cancelled throughout our region and Covid does impact on Christmas Parades so we have made the decision now that Christmas street parades are unable to proceed this year. Several of our communities are looking at alternatives and when we know exactly what will happen, we will put the information on our website. Equally for Councils, the Regional Chiefs (who are the Mayors, Chief Executives and Councillors) meet through what we call Zone meetings and Rural & Provincial meetings where we discuss Government's position over legislation etc. These meetings are all having to go to Zoom which to be honest are second choice. It is important they still happen but Zoom doesn't offer the same level of engagement that face-to-face meetings provide.
3. There are a number of issues that I would like to take the opportunity to update Council and the community on:
 - a. Three Waters – like most Councils in the country our Council has written to the Minister and Government expressing concerns over where the reforms are at. Our Council, like virtually every other Council, has agreed in principle that there needs to be changes and we welcome the new water regulator Taumata Arowai that officially came into position (taking over from

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the Ministry of Health) on Monday, 15 November. At the moment we are still unsure exactly what the role of that new regulator will be and how regulations will change. The Government has responded to the Mayors saying they accept the concerns of the Local Government sector around such things as review of the governorship or leadership model of the entities, the role of the economic regulator and how the rural water schemes will be managed. To do this the Government has formed a series of working parties involving a number of Mayors throughout New Zealand so we wait now until we hear what changes could be possible. It is still certain though that the Government will mandate the Three Waters segment by way of legislation. These entities will become law. Our website is kept up to date with information as it comes to hand.

- b. There are a number of things that Council can celebrate. Finally, we have been able to purchase land for the Ratana Wastewater Project which will see a land disposal of wastewater therefore removing contamination of Lake Waipu. I would like to congratulate the Council staff, Ratana community and Iwi as to how they have been able to work together to make this possible and we appreciate the Government money that has largely funded this project. We would expect construction of the pipelines etc to take place over the next 6-12 months.
- c. Our spatial planners are starting to engage with communities on spatial planning – Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond. This is a helicopter view over our district and looks long term at where growth should occur, where we want leisure and recreational facilities, combined with how our infrastructure will be provided etc. If you get the opportunity to attend a community session around spatial planning please take it up – this is your chance to influence what the district will look like in the next 30 years.
- d. The Marton Memorial Hall is another project that has gone on for some time and we are in the final stages of painting, redecoration, rewiring, asbestos removal and all of the other upgrades that were required. Once again this is a project that has been funded by the Government under Minister Jones' PGF fund and we appreciate the chance to bring a magnificent public facility back up to where it should be.
- e. Later this month we are involved in what is called CouncilMARK - an evaluation of our Council and district. This is a Local Government review done independently that looks at Council's performance. This is the second time that Council has taken this opportunity and it is a "warts and all" look at our governance, our operational team, our financing and our connection with communities. The initial review that we did some time ago, while illustrating we were performing okay, pointed us in terms of what some other Council are doing as leaders in the sector. We have taken this review very seriously where we have looked for some time at how we operate in effect. That, together with the review of the Te Matapihi building project has brought about, for instance, the Project Management Office and the use of a better business case study when we are undertaking major projects. It will be interesting to see how Council is reflected under the second review. As I've said Council is now using the Better Business Case Study model which is an internationally recognised process for determining the decision making around capital works. We have started this process for the potential Marton Council Facility rebuild, as required under earthquake prone legislation.
- f. On 11 November we recognised Armistice Day and I apologise that I could not be there as I was away on urgent Council business, however the Deputy Mayor and some Councillors and staff attended the RSA service held at the Marton Cenotaph. However, I did attend a Memorial Service at St Stephen's Church on Sunday and this was a chance to recognise the servicemen who have given their lives not only in WWII but in all other conflicts around the world.

g. On 11 November I attended the Climate Action Joint Committee Workshop at Horizons which is made up of Regional Mayors, authorities and Iwi representatives. We have obligations under current laws and proposed law changes with the revision of the Resource Management Act (RMA) and international accords for climate change. We need to set local priorities, work plans and future direction with regards climate change to be tabled in these discussions. Like many of our neighbouring Councils we are still yet to effectively do the work that is required. As part of this report, I request that Council set policy direction early in the new year as to how we handle climate change. Whereas many districts in New Zealand focus on sea level rise as the major factor of climate change, for us, while that is important, the frequency of storm events and flooding in our district is possibly the major consideration of climate change. The reform of the RMA into 3 separate pieces of legislation is a key part of how the country will handle climate change. These reforms that the Government has already mandated are possibly some of the most significant pieces of legislation to come before Parliament over the last decade. One of the principles of the RMA reform is that local Councils will not make their own planning decisions – they will be made on a regional basis and this is again where our local voice is being lost.

4. I have received a request from Mayor Don Cameron of Ruapehu District Council seeking our support in engaging with iwi/hapu as part of the business case work on the North Island Regional Passenger Rail which is proposed to be a key element within a resilient and sustainable transport network providing opportunities for regional communities to grow. The work is situated along the length of the North Island Main Trunk Railway and the leadership and support of iwi is crucial.

Improved access between regions will enable stronger whanau and better jobs, education and health benefits while respecting the principles of Kaitiakitanga. It is anticipated that we will meet and inform iwi prior to a hui being set in December/early new year to discuss views and feedback. I propose an item be taken to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa on 14 December. The letter and background paper from Ruapehu District Council is attached for your information (Attachments 1 and 2).

Attachments

1. **Background Informaton on the North Island Regional Passenger Rail**
2. **North Island Regional Passenger Rail - Iwi / Hapu Engagement**

Recommendation

That the Mayoral Update - November 2021 be received.

ITEM 9.1

Mayors Engagement

November 2021

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| 1 | Attended lunch with Marton Memorial Hall painters |
| 2 | Attended Three Waters Zoom - Mayor Helen Worboys Attended Whanganui DHB Impact Collective Meeting – Covid Resurgence Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor |
| 3 | Attended monthly Executive Leadership Team Meeting for Q&A Attended Three Waters Entity B Working Group Zoom |
| 4 | Attended Regional Leadership Group Zoom Attended Monthly RDC/Police Update with Area Commander Nigel Allan Attended BakerAg Agribusiness Industry Update – Manawatu Region |
| 5 | Attended Accessing Central NZ Governance Group Meeting at HRC |
| 8 | Attended Three Waters Zoom – Mayor Helen Worboys Attended PAG/GSAG Zoom meeting Attended Kensington Road project meeting |
| 9 | Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Civil Defence Hui#2 with Ngāti Hinemanu Ngāti Paki Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor |
| 10 | Attended Marton Civic Centre Better Business Case Workshop 3 Attended Rangitikei College Scholarship Interviews |
| 11 | Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Workshop at HRC Attended Council Workshop |
| 13 | Attended Motorbike Day Taihape |
| 14 | Attended Armistice Day Remembrance Sunday at St Stephens |
| 15 | Attended New Staff Orientation Day morning tea Attended Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond Advisory Group Meeting#4 Attended Zone 3 Zoom discussion Attended Creative NZ Committee Meeting |
| 16 | Attended Regional Chiefs Transport Matters Fortnightly Zoom Worked from Te Matapihi for morning Attended Tutaenui Scheme Liaison Committee Meeting Attended Oceania & Rangitikei – Aged Care Investment phone conference Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Three Waters/Spatial Plan meeting with Scotts Ferry community |

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| 17 | <p>Attended Kanoa/RDC Catchup Meeting</p> <p>Attended fortnightly discussion on Economic Development</p> <p>Attended online Regional Relationship Meeting with Waka Kotahi</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Rangitikei College Senior Prizegiving</p> <p>Attended meeting with Denis O’Callahan re Chief Executive’s Performance Review</p> <p>Attended Taihape Community Response Group Meeting – preparing for Covid illness</p> |
| 18 | Attended Zone 3 Meeting Whanganui (online) |
| 22 | Attended Three Waters Zoom – Mayor Helen Worboys |
| 23 | <p>Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys</p> <p>Attended meeting with Kanoa – Alex Matheson</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Attended Marton Development Group Meeting</p> |
| 24 | <p>Attended Finance & Performance Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting</p> <p>Attended Marton Development Group Meeting</p> |
| 25 | <p>To attend Rural & Provincial Sector Zoom Meeting</p> <p>To attend Three Waters Update – Mayors, Chairs & CE’s</p> |
| 29 | <p>To attend weekly meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>To attend Three Waters – Entity B Working Group Zoom</p> |
| 30 | <p>To attend CouncilMARK Councillor Session with Assessors</p> <p>To attend CouncilMARK Communication and Engagement session</p> <p>To attend Whanganui DHB Impact Collective Governance Zoom – Covid Updates</p> |



RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

11 November 2021

Background information on the North island Regional Passenger Rail

Roughly 2.5 million people currently live alongside the NIMTR. According to information provided by StatsNZ (Tatauranga Aotearoa), more than three out of four people live in Te Ika-a-Māui - North Island. The population of North Island will increase by an average of 0.9 percent a year between 2018 and 2048, from 3.8 million to 4.8 million (medium projection). International case studies show that these population numbers can suit passenger rail networks.

A key focus is "Connection" and the opportunities for regional communities to grow. For our communities to prosper, access needs to be inclusive. Better access between regions will enable stronger whānau, and better jobs, education, health and opportunities. Good connections between people spark great ideas that enable a better future.

We now inhabit a changed world that revolves around Zoom meetings and Teams calls.

However, sustainable connectivity also requires face to face contact. This means transport infrastructure investment that respects Kaitiakitanga principles. Kaitiakitanga includes the conservation, replenishment and sustainability of the environment. It is about safeguarding the future. Aotearoa - New Zealand is required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The recent release of the Emissions Reduction Plan, by the government, helps identify what is needed, to change the configuration of our communities.

A North Island reconfiguration should not assume Auckland must continue to be the focus of population growth, along with accompanying infrastructure and housing challenges. Another way to respect Kaitiakitanga principles, may be to provide an attractive, low carbon transport network, to "connect" our communities, and encourage the growth of our people, through-out Te Ika-a-Māui.

We propose that North Island Regional Passenger Rail, will be a key element within a resilient and sustainable transport network. Steel wheels on rails powered by renewable electricity = the lowest possible carbon footprint.

The work done to date, builds upon the business case development, by Greater Wellington and Horizons Regional Council, for a brand new lower North Island fleet of trains. These modern vehicles will be "tri-mode". Powered by a mix of overhead catenary electric power, battery electric power, and on-board diesel power to assist re-charging of batteries, the new trains will transform regional connectivity in the lower North Island.

Our investigations also build upon the pioneering work for the Te Huia passenger train service, led by Waikato Regional Council, with partners KiwiRail, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council and Auckland Transport.

Te Huia is the first new regional passenger train for many years. It is trail-blazing the challenges and opportunities, that come with a start-up service. When the COVID-19 alert level drops back to 2, the Te Huia train service is to re-start. All services will operate all the way into central Auckland, a new stop at Puhinui to connect to the airport has been provided, along with additional frequency. The services to date have been a mix of highly popular weekend trains, but also less than successful early morning weekday services. Te Huia will continue to evolve, to meet customer demand, and long-term growth in the Waikato region.



RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

11 November 2021

Dear Mayor or Chair

NORTH ISLAND REGIONAL PASSENGER RAIL – ENGAGEMENT WITH IWI / HAPU

Further to the high level Feasibility Study being agreed by the participating Councils and delegated to this Council to progress following discussion with Mayors, Chairs, Chief Executive, key staff and stakeholders, we are looking to further this as a key element within a resilient and sustainable transport network.

We would like seek your support in engaging with your respective iwi / hapu as part of the business case work which will ramp up during 2022. We are looking for suggestions as to how that crucial engagement can be done in an effective and meaningful way.

We would anticipate that you set the scene with your iwi / hapu so that we can hold an online hui online either in December or the New Year to discuss and consider their views. As this work and proposal is situated along the length of the North Island Main Trunk Railway, the leadership and support of iwi / hapu in a Rangitiratanga role is crucial to this exercise.

Would you please gauge the support for this suggestion with your iwi / hapu and provide some feedback around the possibility of a hui in December or the New Year.

I attach an attachment some background information which may be useful for your discussions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Cameron'.

Don Cameron, JP
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10 Reports for Information

10.1 Community Development Manager Report - December 2021

Author: Bonnie Clayton, Community Development Manager (BDCT)

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Community Development Manager Report is a standing item for this Committee, and is currently provided by Bonnie Clayton, Community Development Manager for the Bulls District and Community Trust.

Attachments

1. **Community Development Manager Report - December 2021**

Recommendation

That the Community Development Manager Report – December 2021 be received.



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December 2021 Community Development Manager Report

- The Annual 144th Bulls Rose and Flower show was held on 13 November; this was a great success. We had more exhibitors this year, with many first timers. We held the market outside this year to allow more space for the show indoors, with 9 stall holders. This was well received by many within the community, despite a bit of wind and rain. We look forward to growing this event for the 145th celebration next year.
- Sadly, we had to cancel the Christmas Parade and Whanau day this year due to many restrictions. This has been replaced with the Bulls Food Pantry Holiday Food Drive on 1st December, a letterbox drop has been done to most properties in Bulls to spread the word. Santa, his elves and a few characters will be out and about spreading the festive joy while picking up non-perishable or Christmas themed goods for the Food Pantry.
- We have collaborated with Bulls Christian Fellowship to bring Christmas Carols to Te Matapihi, this will be held on Sunday 12 December from 2pm. Santa will be in attendance after the Carols to give out gifts to the children.

And just like that we are at the end of another challenging but also rewarding year. Thank you for your support over the past 12 months, lets see what 2022 brings!

Thank you,

Bonnie



10.2 Funding Schemes Update - December 2021

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Overview

1.1 Council currently administers five funding schemes for the Rangitikei District:

- a. Community Initiatives Fund
- b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
- c. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund
- d. Creative Communities Scheme
- e. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

2. Community Initiatives Fund

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocates \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds. \$11,910 was distributed in Round 1 (2021/22), leaving \$18,090 available for Round 2 (2021/22).
- 2.3 The current funding round (Round 2, 2021/22) is OPEN for applications and closes 24 March 2022. The Finance/Performance Committee will meet to consider funding applications on 24 April 2022.

3. Events Sponsorship Scheme

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council allocates \$50,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds. \$17,900 was distributed in Round 1 (2021/22), leaving \$32,100 available for Round 2 (2021/22).
- 3.3 The current funding round (Round 2, 2021/22) is OPEN for applications and closes 06 March 2022. The Finance/Performance Committee will meet to consider funding applications on 31 March 2022.

4. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund

- 4.1 This is a Council fund and is the only one available for capital purchases. The Council provides up to 33% in cash of the value – in cash or in kind - of the contribution from the community for small-scale, community-led, capital projects.
- 4.2 Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next available Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting.

5. Creative Communities Scheme

- 5.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:
- Demonstrate growth over time
 - Develop and support local artistic communities
 - Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
 - Support diversity and inclusion
 - Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged
- 5.2 Creative NZ has allocated \$43,615.63 to the Rangitikei District Council for 2021/22, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds. \$11,550 was distributed in Round 1 (2021/22), leaving \$32,065.63 available for Round 2 (2021/22).
- 5.3 The current funding round (Round 2, 2021/22) is OPEN for applications and closes 28 April 2022. The Creative NZ Committee will meet to consider funding applications on 02 June 2022.

6. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- 6.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years, and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.
- 6.2 Sport NZ has allocated \$9,500 to the Rangitikei District Council for 2021/22. There is one funding round per year.
- 6.3 This funding round opened for applications 16 November 2021 and closes 18 March 2022. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee will meet to consider applications on 28 April 2022.

7. Further Information

- 7.1 More details about these funding opportunities can be found on the Council website (link below) and this is also where applications can be submitted:

<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding>

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update – December 2021 be received.

10.3 Small Projects Fund Update - December 2021

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Allocation

- 1.1 The yearly allocation of the 2021/22 Small Projects Fund for the Bulls Community Committee is \$1,254.
- 1.2 The yearly allocation aligns with the financial year, from 01 July to 30 June. In February 2016 Council resolved to allow a carry-forward from one financial year to the next, of up to 100% of the annual allocation for any Committee or Board's Small Projects Fund², with the proviso that this be a specific resolution from the Committee.
- 1.3 At its meeting 24 June 2021, Council resolved to carry-forward the full amount of unspent funds from the 2020/21 year of \$1,901.90 to the 2021/22 year³, while acknowledging that this was inconsistent with its resolution made on 29 February 2016.
- 1.4 The total allocation of the 2021/22 Small Projects Fund for the Bulls Community Committee is now \$3,155.90.

2. Breakdown

- No grants have been made so far in 2021/22.

3. Remaining Budget

- 3.1 This leaves a remaining budget for the 2021/22 financial year of **\$3,155.90**.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

That the 'Small Projects Fund Update – December 2021' report be received.

² 16/FPE/010

³ 21/RDC/172 and 21/RDC/175

11 Next Meeting

12 Meeting Closed

The Bulls Community Committee is scheduled to meet on the below dates in 2022. Meetings will run from 6.00 – 7.30 pm and take place at Te Matapihi, Bulls.

- 31 January
- 29 March
- 31 May
- 26 July
- 27 September
- 29 November