

# MINUTES

## BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 31 May 2022

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Venue:** The Hall, Te Matapihi  
Bulls Community Centre  
4 Criterion Street  
Bulls

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**Present**

Ms Danelle Whakatihi  
Mr Matthew Holden  
Mr Nigel Bowen  
Ms Nicole Harrison  
Ms Raewyn Turner  
Mr Russel Ward  
Ms Candace Ashby  
Mr Bruce Dear  
Cr Brian Carter  
HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance**

Ms Bonnie Ellery, Community Development Manager – Bulls and District Community

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## 1 Welcome

Ms Whakatihi opened the meeting at 6.01 pm.

## 2 Apologies

That the apology for absence of Mr Dennis Moratti be received, noting that his representation from Ohakea Airforce will be changed.

That the apology for lateness of HWTM Andy Watson and Ms Raewyn Turner be received.

The Mayor arrived at 6.03 pm.

## 3 Public Forum

Nil.

Ms Raeywn Turner arrived at 6.06 pm.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That the Committee hold an open discussion in item 11.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

The Committee confirmed that the minutes from 31 January 2022 were unclear on what the Committee wanted to know regarding a stock route, therefore no further action is required from Council and the 29 March 2022 minutes were missing follow up action items as discussed further in item 11.2

**Resolved minute number 22/BCC/012**

That the minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 08 December 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the Chair's electronic signature be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Ms D Whakatihi/Mr B Dear. Carried

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Ms D Whakatihi/Mr B Dear. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/BCC/014**

That the minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 29 March 2022, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the Chair's electronic signature be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Ms D Whakatihi/Mr B Dear. Carried

## **7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings**

### **7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings**

The committee went through the action points one by one and were updated by Cr Carter and HWTM that stock movement is no longer allowed, therefore there is no need for investigating the purpose of the stock route (Taumaihi Street). After having it explained there is no need for further investigation of the previous request to Council.

The committee disagreed with the feedback from Council regarding the overloaded rubbish bins at the Wallace Development complex. They agreed that the overloaded rubbish bins are a health and safety issue and will attract pests, and that they are often overloaded with rubbish. They noted that people travelling through, specifically on long weekends unload rubbish from their trips before setting off on their journey and that more needs to be done about it.

#### Undertaking

That no further follow up is required from Mr Benadie regarding an update on a suitable stock route in Bulls.

#### Undertaking

Ms Whakatihi to monitor the public use of the rubbish bins over the lunch time period at the Wallace Development complex over the two long weekends in June and send evidence to Morgan's Property group.

**Resolved minute number 22/BCC/015**

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

Ms D Whakatihi/Mr B Dear. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/BCC/016**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommend to Council that they install and service additional rubbish bins at complex.

Ms D Whakatihi/Ms R Turner. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - May 2022

There was no report from the Chair, however Ms D Whakatihi noted that there needs to be more public information on what the Bulls Community Committee do and that the public are welcome to sit in on meetings.

#### Undertaking

That Council staff increase communication on the committee's purpose and bi-monthly meetings via several platforms – RDC social media, Bulls Bulletin etc on what the BCC do and advertise them as the meetings are not always included in the District Monitor.

## 9 Mayoral Update

### 9.1 Mayoral Update - April 2022

HWTM Andy Watson briefed the committee on his recent engagements, noting there has been unfair criticism with the opening of the new Mangaweka bridge and had been receiving queries around the development contribution that new builds receive in Feilding. He explained that RDC do offer a similar contribution, however this is via the developer directly.

**Resolved minute number 22/BCC/017**

That the Mayoral Update – April 2022 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Ms N Harrison. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Destination Rangitīkei - Destination Management Plan

There was discussion around where each of the photos were taken as they don't specify in the document.

**Resolved minute number 22/BCC/018**

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

Ms D Whakatihi/Ms R Turner. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/BCC/019**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommend to Council that they include location details on their photos in the Destination Management Plan.

Mr R Ward/Mr B Dear. Carried

**10.2 Community Development Manager Report - May 2022**

Ms B Ellery took her report as read and provided verbal updates on her activities over the past few months, including several online trainings notably Checkmate Suicide Prevention, certifying her as a Connector Helper within the region.

She also noted that the Bulls and District Community Trust AGM is coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June and that there is ongoing work happening in the youth space for youth in Bulls alongside several other groups and organizations.

**Resolved minute number 22/BCC/020**

That the Community Development Manager Report – May 2022 be received.

Mr B Dear/Mr M Holden. Carried

**10.3 Funding Schemes Update - May 2022**

Ms R Turner expressed frustration that there seems to be a lack of communication regarding the funding schemes.

HWTM updated the Committee that the Duddings Trust fund (a non-Council fund) is now open and to share this with the Committees networks, the Trust are interested in supporting those wanting to make a difference within their Communities.

**Resolved minute number 22/BCC/021**

That the Funding Schemes Update – May 2022 be received.

Ms D Whakatihi/Mr N Bowen. Carried

**10.4 Small Projects Fund Update - May 2022**

Mr B Dear updated the Committee on the scooter rack project, noting that there have been price increases due to a new design being required as the rack is not able to be bolted into the side of Te Matapihi as it may affect weather tightness of the building. The quote is \$2254.23 as a standalone scooter rack; however, it is subject to any price increase the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month would bring.

The Committee agreed to move forward with the scooter rack project at \$2254.23 and asked Mr B Dear to secure the current quote before any further price increases were added.

Ms R Turner queried where all the resources from beautifying Bulls including reports from David Enright\* had gone, as well as the billboards that were on the construction fences while Te Matapihi had been developed have gone.

#### Undertaking

That council investigate and liaise with Ms R Turner if more information is required on where the billboards have gone that were on construction fences while Te Matapihi had been developed and report back to the committee.

#### Undertaking

That Council locate any reports / documents on beautifying Bulls and documents by David Enright and report back to the Bulls Community Committee with this information.

#### **Resolved minute number 22/BCC/022**

That the 'Small Projects Fund Update – May 2022' report be received.

Mr B Dear/Ms D Whakatihi. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 22/BCC/023**

That the Bulls Community Committee request Council to consider increasing their contribution to more than \$1,000 to the scooter rack project due to rising costs.

Mr B Dear/Ms D Whakatihi. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 22/BCC/024**

That the Bulls Community Committee pay the remaining balance for the scooter rack from their Small Projects Fund, taking into consideration any contribution increases from Council.

Mr B Dear/Ms D Whakatihi. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 22/BCC/025**

That the Bulls Community Committee allocate \$132.00 to Hillview Woodcraft towards the maintenance of the bench chairs outside the old Bulls Town Hall from the committees remaining 2021/22 Small Projects Fund or earmark and carryover to the 2022/23 fund.

Mr B Dear/Mr M Holden. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 22/BCC/026**

That if there are funds available, that one year's allocation of the remaining balance (\$1,254) of the Bulls Community Committee's Small Projects Fund for 2021/22 be carried forward to 2022/23.

Mr B Dear/Ms D Whakatihi. Carried

### **10.5 RDC Engagement and Consultations**

Ms R Turner updated the Committee that as part of her role with Welcoming Communities she had visited 25 businesses in Bulls.

#### **Resolved minute number 22/BCC/027**

That the report 'RDC Engagement and Consultations' be received.

Mr R Ward/Ms N Harrison. Carried

## 11 Discussion Items

### 11.1 General Business (Ms Turner)

Ms R Turner spoke to her updates expressing there is a lack of clear signage and for tourists arriving by bus and private vehicle and they are unaware of where the public toilets are and what the building Te Matapihi is.

Ms R Turner brought a late item to the table from Mr G Turner regarding the Bulls Bus Lane. HWTM advised this has gone to Council and has been discussed and action is in progress.

#### **Resolved minute number 22/BCC/028**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommend Council install a sign in between French & Sons and the old town hall pointing down the alley way towards Te Matapihi to indicate where the toilets are.

Ms R Turner/Ms N Harrison. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 22/BCC/029**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommend that Council place better signage on the east facing wall of Te Matapihi in consultation with the Committee (outside of the bi-monthly meetings to speed the process up) of where the public toilets are.

Ms R Turner/Ms N Harrison. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 22/BCC/030**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommend that Council place better signage on the ground floor and on each specific floor of Te Matapihi of what facilities are on each floor such as Plunket, meeting rooms, learning hub.

Ms R Turner/Ms N Harrison. Carried

### 11.2 General Business (Mr Dear)

Mr Dear briefed the Committee that he would like to purchase fertilizer for the planter boxes around town and has received fresh plants from Council to plant as required. He questioned who is responsible for vegetation and trees overhanging the berm and footpaths.

Cr Carter advised that any concerns with vegetation and overhanging trees must be reported via the fix it form at Council.

It was noted that there has been no update or action on the Clear way on Bridge Street from the 29 March 2022 meeting.

#### **Resolved minute number 22/BCC/031**

That the Bulls Community Committee earmark costs up to \$300 towards purchasing fertilizer



For the planter boxes around town and this come from the committees remaining 2021/22 Small Projects Fund or carryover to the 2022/23 fund.

Mr B Dear/Ms D Whakatihi. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/BCC/032**

That Council add **Clear way on Bridge Street** as an action point from the 29 March 2022 Bulls Community Committee meeting and investigate what the purpose of it is as trucks and cars park in this area causing issues for drivers.

Mr B Dear/Mr N Bowen. Carried

**11.3 Other General Business**

HWTM updated the committee that 200 new electric vehicles have arrived into the country in the past month and that each charging station can only charge one vehicle at a time. The demand of charging EV will become a significant issue as demand increases. He will check whether Z in Sanson will provide an EV Charging station to assist in the demand.

The Committee discussed what the purpose of the old concrete toilet block on High Street is for – noting it is not part of the old Plunket Rooms, it is a separate structure.

**Resolved minute number 22/BCC/033**

That the Bulls Community Committee request Council to investigate the old concrete toilet block on High Street Bulls next to the old Plunket rooms and if there is a need for them or can they be removed?

Cr B Carter/Mr N Bowen. Carried

**The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 26 July 2022.**

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**Chairperson**