

MINUTES

BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 22 January 2025

Time: 6.00pm

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

Present Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Greg Smith
Mr David Yates
Mr Bruce Dear
Cr Brian Carter

In attendance Cr Paul Sharland
Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager- Heritage and Culture
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
Ms Margaret Robinson
Ms Carolyn Bates

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1 Welcome

Mr Smith opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/001

Apologies received from Graham Jenkins and Alistair Stewart.

Cr B Carter/Mr G Smith. Carried

3 Public Forum

Margaret Robinson

Spoke about Dog Agility Area and Domain Upgrade

The group pays rent on the grounds and there is sometimes agility equipment in the area.

Spoke about suggestions for walking track Bridge to Cemetery.

The committee supported the walkways in the township and noted there are some issues with walkways beside the river as some areas are eroding away.

The Bulls Community Development Trust is working on a walkway, but the committee is awaiting further information on this project.

Ms Robinson advocated for the walkway, and this should be useable for the community.

Carolyn Bates

Spoke about Marae signage and state highways.

The committee discussed the expense of this.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendment: Page 16

Confusion through the minutes as read.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/002

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 13 November 2024 **as amended** 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.

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

Follow up with Cr Loudon for the figures he said he would provide on Te Matapihi regarding the volunteer hours. Cr Carter undertook following up on this item.

Remove item 2 from the follow up actions and the Te Matapihi volunteer plaque is added.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/003

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

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chairman's Report - January 2025

Mr Smith attended Local Water Done Well drop-in sessions, met with Craig Pocock on the Bulls Domain and attended the Whanganui Vintage Weekend.

Mr Smith noted that the Public Spaces Bylaw is not being enforced, likely because of lack of RFS from the community.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/004

That the Chairman's Report – January 2025 be received.

Mr B Dear/Mr D Yates. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Bulls Open Space Project

Ms Gray was in attendance to present this item to the committee, there will be future workshops with the community with Mr Pocock to support this work. Ms Gray highlighted that any users'

groups that the committee members are aware of that should be contacted/ engaged in for the workshops should be sent to Kezia Spence.

It was noted the importance of having a plan for Haylock Park before making any major decisions that may require changing later.

The committee expressed frustration with the communication between Council and the Bulls Community Committee.

It is expected the community engagement workshops will be end of February/March. The importance of this is engaging with all user groups in Bulls to make sure the planning is appropriate for the community.

Ms Bovey undertook to follow up on supporting communication between council staff and the Bulls Community Committee.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/005

That the report Bulls Open Space Project be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.2 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/006

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be accepted.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

9.3 Mayor's Report - 12 December 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/007

That the Mayor's Report – 12 December 2024 be accepted.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

9.4 Neighbourhood Play System Bulls

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/008

That the 'Neighbourhood Play System Bulls' is received.

Mr B Dear/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - January 2025

Mr Smith noted the available funds.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/009

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update –January 2025 be received.

Mr B Dear/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.6 Funding Schemes Update - January 2025

Mr Smith noted the dates to committee members.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/010

That the Funding Schemes Update – January 2025 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Campfest Planning

Mr Smith spoke about the toilet block and the mural there that is damaged. There is a second quote from Julie Oliver who is a local, costing \$860.

The committee discussed this item in-depth, and the risks associated with further graffiti.

There was discussion of membership and voting members for the Bulls Community Committee.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/011

That the Bulls Community Committee accept Julie Olivers quote for \$860, with the condition the work is completed 21 February 25.

Mr G Smith/Mr N Bowen. Carried Against Mr Dear, Cr Carter

10.2 Bulls Domain Upgrade

This item had been discussed by the committee earlier in the agenda.

10.3 Dog Agility Equipment

The committee continued discussion from public forum.

The doggy pooh bag dispenser was also discussed and that this can be purchased from a company in Palmerston North for \$460. There was discussion that this should be on dog owners to take responsibility. The committee also discussed who would replenish the bags once the first lot were used Council or the committee.

10.4 Haylock Park Picnic Area

There has been previous discussion on this item, this is not a permanent table and can be moved if needed if there are any other plans from Council.

Assuming the committee will complete the labour of this project.

This is just for the general project and pricing, and then this will go to the council Parks Team to include them in the conversation.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/012

That the Bulls Community Committee earmark \$1500 towards relocation of picnic tables to Haylock Park.

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

10.5 Christmas Celebration Details

Mr Smith noted this item for the committee to consider.

10.6 Community Patrol

Mr Smith noted the need for more community patrollers.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 12 March 2025.

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Chairperson