

MINUTES

BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 9 July 2025

Time: 6.00pm

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

Present

Mr Greg Smith
Mr David Yates
Mr Graham Jenkins
Mr Alistair Stewart
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Brian Carter
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager- Heritage and Culture
Mr Mike Goodson
Ms Helma Vermuelen

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1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Mike Goodson from Scotts Ferry and Helma Vermuelen who would be speaking in the Public Forum.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/BCC/044**

That the apologies from Nigel Bowen and Cr Paul Sharland are accepted.

Cr B Carter/Mr Stewart. Carried

3 Public Forum

Ms Helma Vermuelen who is a former candidate for the New Zealand First Party contesting the Rangitikei electorate in the last general election spoke in the public forum. Ms Vermuelen shared her view on Tikanga being applied to New Zealand laws, central government, and local councils.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **25/BCC/045**

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2025 **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.

Mr G Smith/Mr Stewart. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

Items 1,3, and 4 on the Follow-up actions are still in progress. Item 2 which relates to the placing of a plaque for volunteer contributions acknowledgement contributing towards the building of Te Matapihi has been completed to the satisfaction of the committee so can be removed from the list.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/046

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

Mr Jenkins/Mr D Yates. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/047

That item 2 on the Follow-up Actions list is removed as it is completed . Mr Jenkins/Mr D Yates.
Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chairman's Report - June 2025

Mr Smith provided a written report and skimmed through some of his activities for the committee:

Working on the planter boxes –now have access to a forklift which makes moving them easier, also discussion around plantings.

Attended the Marton Community Committee meeting.

Attended the Bulls Domain/Urban Planning meetings. Mr Smith thanked RDC for enabling the report and looks forward to its completion.

Attended the Chris Amon Statue unveiling.

Attended the Horizons Regional Council Rangitikei region flood advisory meeting in Marton. Well worth attending.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/048

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

Mr G Smith/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - June 2025

The Mayor was happy to take the report as read but wanted to mention that the Chris Amon Statue unveiling was a fabulous event, and was happy to take questions.

Mr Smith had a few question for the Mayor around the following items:

Local Waters Done Well – the Mayor updated the committee on progress.

Also a question regarding the Policy Planning meeting on the 12th of June where it was indicated that the demand for residential land was stronger in the South of the district. The Mayor explained how that information was gathered and some detail around development was discussed.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/049

That the Mayor's Report for June be accepted.

.Mr G Smith/Mr Stewart. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Mayor's Report - May 2025

The Mayor was happy to take the report as read. The Mayor did want to draw attention to information in the May Report around Local Waters Done Well which provided detail about the process.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/050

That the Mayor's Report – May 2025 be accepted.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

10.2 Small Projects Fund Update - July 2025

Staff advised that the confirmation of the CPI increase to the Small Projects Fund amount was not able to be updated, but the committee would be advised once this was confirmed.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/051

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

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

10.3 Funding Schemes Update - July 2025

Mr Smith noted that the committee should take a looking at GrantGuru on the council website as it was a fantastic resource for the community. Mayor Watson also reminded the committee about the Dudding Trust application closing dates for this years funding.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/052

That the Funding Schemes Update – July 2025 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr Stewart. Carried

10.4 Consultation Tracker - June

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/053

That the report 'Consultation Tracker - June' be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Meet the Candidates

Mr Smith advised the committee that after thinking about the meet the Meet the Candidates event and speaking to others in the community he would like to withdraw the discussion item.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 10 September 2025.

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Chairperson