

# MINUTES



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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## BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 10 September 2025

**Time:** 6.00pm

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

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**Present**

Mr Greg Smith  
Mr Nigel Bowen  
Mr David Yates  
Mr Alistair Stewart  
Cr Brian Carter  
Cr Paul Sharland

**In attendance**

Ms Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer  
Mrs Carolyn Bates, representing Grey Power Whanganui  
Mr David Christison  
Mr Graham McFee  
Ms Donna Carter  
Ms Donna Wild  
Ms Maureen Smith  
Ms Karensa Dennis, from Heartland Palmerston North Lions  
Mr Steph Collis, Bulls Ohakea Sanson Lions

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## 1 Welcome

The Chair Mr Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

A late apology was received after the meeting from Mr Graham Jenkins and was accepted by the Chair Mr Greg Smith.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/054**

That the apologies received from Cr Raukawa, HWTM the Mayor, and Mr Graham Jenkins are accepted.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Carolyn Bates representing Grey Power Whanganui spoke to highlight a survey currently being conducted by Grey Power on the household cleaning aspect for those receiving Care in Home services. Mrs Bates spoke to how to engage with the survey giving a variety of options for participation.

Karensa Dennis from the Heartlands Palmerston North Lions advised she was attending the meeting in support of the BOS (Bulls Ohakea Sanson) Lions Club. Ms Dennis gave an overview of how Lions worked, and the history of the Bulls Lions and some of the past projects they had completed in the past. As the club had re-started in 2024 under the new name of BOS Lions they were currently looking for members to strengthen the new club to better serve the Community.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Mr David Yates presented a letter from HWTM the Mayor regarding traffic issues in Bulls that would be discussed later in the meeting.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/055**

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 9 July 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

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

The committee discussed the items on the Follow-up Action Items list and decided to leave all 3 items on the list.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/056**

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

Cr B Carter/Mr G Smith. Carried

## **7 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chairman's Report - September 2025**

The Chair Mr Smith advised his report would be in two parts. The first part was a roundup of the triennium for the committee. Some projects the committee were involved with were the Spring Clean, attending many community events, refurbishing and moving the picnic tables to Haylock Park, refurbishment of the street planters and maintaining the watering roster for those plants. Mr Bowen was successful in having the volunteers plaque added to the Sponsors thank you board at Te Matapihi. Mr Smith thanked the committee, Council for providing funding, and staff for assisting with minutes and Governance support, HWTM the Mayor and Councillors for meeting attendance, and the public for attending meetings and providing feedback.

Mr Smith thanked Cr Brian Carter for his extensive service to the Community where he is involved with many community groups, and for his contributions to the Bulls Community Committee as it was Cr Carters final meeting with the Committee.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/057**

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

Mr Stewart/Mr G Smith. Carried

## **8 Reports for Information**

### **9.1 Mayor's Report - July 2025**

That the Mayor's Report for July 2025 be taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/058**

That the Mayor's Report – July 2025 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr N Bowen. Carried

## **9.2 Mayor's Report - August 2025**

That the Mayor's Report for August 2025 be taken as read.

The Committee discussed the letter from HWTM the Mayor regarding ongoing traffic issues in Bulls. The letter was a copy of a letter sent to the NZTA by the Mayor outlining the major issues with traffic in Bulls, requesting a meeting with the Minister to discuss.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/059**

That the Mayor's Report – August 2025 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr N Bowen. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/060**

That the copy of the letter to the NZTA forwarded by HWTM to the committee regarding traffic issues in Bulls be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

## **9.3 Community Committees End of Triennium**

The committee briefly discussed the process for the end of Triennium.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/061**

That the report Community Committees End of Triennium be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr Stewart. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/062**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends the re-establishment of the Community Committees as they have achieved significant goals, especially the Bulls Community Committee.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

## **9.4 Community Development Manager Report - September 2025**

The Chair briefly read through the highlights of the report and noted the Bulls Community Development Trusts plans for the future.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/063**

That the Community Development Manager Report – September 2025 be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

**9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - September 2025**

The Chair briefly summarised the details of the funding in the small projects fund, and noted that there would be some receipts to be submitted for small works done under the \$200 small works allowance from the funds.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/064**

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

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

**9.6 Funding Schemes Update - September 2025**

The committee discussed the various funds that were available.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/065**

That the Funding Schemes Update – September 2025 be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

**The meeting closed at 7.23pm.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Smith', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**Chairperson**