

# MINUTES

## BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 22 April 2026

**Time:** 6.00pm

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

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**Present**

- Mr Alistair Stewart
- Ms Sarah Howe
- Mr Greg Smith
- Mr David Yates
- Ms Bronwyn Minty
- Cr Graeme O'Fee
- Cr Paul Sharland (Alternate)

**In attendance**

- Elaine Bishop, Scotts Ferry resident
- Matt Hynes, Scotts Ferry resident
- Peter Ginder, Scotts Ferry resident
- Justin Adams, Hunterville Community Committee
- Helen Cooper, Bulls resident
- David Christison, Marton Community Committee
- Brian Carter, CFO, Bulls Fire Service
- Mr Paul Chaffe, Senior Emergency Management Advisor
- Ms Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer

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## 1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.00pm and welcomed everyone.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number**                      **26/BCC/011**

That the apologies from HWTM Watson, Mr Te Arawa Ratana, and Mr Evan Plank be received.

Mr Stewart/Mr G Smith. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Helen Cooper spoke in the public forum. She was very concerned about the Community Response Plan for Bulls. Her main concern around the plan was not having named persons in the plan for different roles. She felt very strongly that this should be the case so the community knew where to go and who to speak to in an emergency event. Her particular area of concern was around being able to set up a Welfare Centre for residents to go to if required. She felt the plan lacked clarity.

## 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

**Resolved minute number**    **26/BCC/012**

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2026 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr G O'Fee/Ms B Minty. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

### 7.1 Chair's Report - April 2026

The Chair gave a verbal report. He also acknowledged the receipt of a resignation from the committee from Mr Graham Jenkins.

**Resolved minute number**    **26/BCC/013**

That the Chair's Report – April 2026 be received.

Mr Stewart/Ms S Howe. Carried

## **8 Reports for Information**

### **8.1 Funding Schemes Update - April 2026**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 26/BCC/014**

That the Funding Schemes Update – April 2026 be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

### **8.2 Mayor's Report - March 2026**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 26/BCC/015**

That the Mayor's Report – March 2026 be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

### **8.3 Small Projects Fund Update - April 2026**

There was discussion about spending the small projects fund. An idea was put forward to perhaps concrete around the new Lake Alice memorial to ensure it was kept clear of weeds and vegetation. Ms Bovey would follow up with the Property Team and report back to the next meeting.

**Resolved minute number 26/BCC/016**

That the report Small Projects Fund Update – April 2026 be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

### **8.4 Community Response Plan - Bulls**

Mr Paul Chaffe spoke to his report on the Bulls Community Response Plan. The plan had been discussed and signed off by the committee in 2025. The committee discussed how the plan had worked in the last weather event.

**Resolved minute number 26/BCC/017**

That the report Community Response Plan – Bulls be received.

Mr Stewart/Ms S Howe. Carried

**8.5 Community Development Manager Report - April 2026**

The report was taken as read. The committee would invite the Co-ordinator to speak to her report if this was possible in the future. Ms Bovey to follow up on this with the Co-ordinator.

**Resolved minute number 26/BCC/018**

That the Community Development Manager Report –April 2026 be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

**8.6 Resignations Received**

Mr Greg Smith tendered his resignation from the committee.

Mr David Yates tendered his resignation from the committee.

**The meeting closed at 7.30pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 19 August 2026.**

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**Chairperson**