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BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: **Wednesday, 19 August 2026**

Time: **6.00pm**

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

Present	Mr Alistair Stewart Ms Sarah Howe Mr Te Arawa Ratana Ms Bronwyn Minty Cr Graeme O'Fee
In attendance	Mr Pā Rima Tamaiparea-Puki, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua Ms Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer

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1 Welcome

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

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/BCC/029

That the apologies from HWTM Watson, Cr Paul Sharland, and Mr Wally Plank be accepted..

Cr G O'Fee/Ms B Minty. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

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/030

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 17 June 2026 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.

Ms B Minty/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

The Committee discussed the follow-up actions:

1. Bulls Community Civil Defence Welfare group. Great turn out at the second meeting held for the community. Contact details of those at the meeting were collected for Council Civil Defence staff who will be in touch with the group to arrange training.
2. Signs to replace the Clifton Grove Reserve sign were shown to the Committee. They were keen to include the red heritage sign to replace the old wooden one in place.

3. Community noticeboard re-location. Cr O'Fee untertook to assess the sign to see what maintenance might be required and will report back.
4. Bulls Masterplan – this was a follow-up from a previous discussion to alert the committee that the plan had been completed.

Resolved minute number 26/BCC/031

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

Ms B Minty/Ms S Howe. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - August 2026

The Chair gave a verbal report noting that the Council Parks & Reserves Team had gifted some plants to the Committee for the planter boxes in town, thanks to Greg Smith for planting these. Greg Smith had also emailed through a police report filed in regard to the committees watering trolley being stolen.

Resolved minute number 26/BCC/032

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

Ms B Minty/Ms S Howe. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report - August 2026

The Mayor was happy to take the reports as read but noted the following updates:

- Local Government Reform and the Council's response to the Headstart Programme
- Otara Bridge restrictions
- RMA Reforms – Mana Whakahono ā Rohe
- Roading cost increases and the impact on Council budgets.

Resolved minute number 26/BCC/033

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

Ms B Minty/Ms S Howe. Carried

9.2 Mayor's Report - July 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/BCC/034

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

Ms B Minty/Ms S Howe. Carried

9.3 Community Development Manager Report - August 2026

HWTM Watson left at 6.55pm at the beginning of this item as he had another engagement to attend in Palmerston North.

The Bulls and District Community Trust Community Development Manager gave a verbal report on events they are currently working towards and the work being done on the A-Bull signage policy. The Wear-A-Bull Arts event was completely sold out for this coming year with a waiting list for tickets.

Resolved minute number 26/BCC/035

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

Ms S Howe/Ms B Minty. Carried

9.4 Funding Schemes Update - August 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/BCC/036

That the Funding Schemes Update – August 2026 be received.

Ms S Howe/Ms B Minty. Carried

9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/BCC/037

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

Ms B Minty/Ms S Howe. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Haylock Park/Bulls Planter Boxes Maintenance and Refresh - received from Greg Smith

The Committee discussed whether the boxes were still fit for purpose and able to be easily maintained by the Committee and community, especially in light of the watering trolley being stolen. The committee decided to do a walk around and inspect the planters to have more information on their condition to discuss at the next scheduled meeting.

10.2 Bulls in Bloom - email from Stu Pearce, Foundry Gym, Bulls

The Committee discussed the request and how that might fit in with the planters already in place. The Chair will contact Mr Pearce to get more details of the project.

The meeting closed at 7.11pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 20 October 2026.

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Chairperson