

MINUTES

BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 11 September 2024

Time: 6.00pm

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

Present

Mr Greg Smith
Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Bruce Dear
Cr Coral Raukawa
Mr David Yates
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Simon Loudon

In attendance

Ms Mel Bovey, Manager, Heritage & Culture
Mrs Deborah Haworth, Minute Taker
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Mr Wally Plank, Bulls Community Patrol
Mr Gary Stoneley, All Points Camping
Mrs Carolyn Bates, Marton Community Committee
Mr Alistair Stewart
Ms Marie Stewart
Mr Graham Jenkins
Mr Simon Spence

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Brian Carter, HWTM Andy Watson, Cr Paul Sharland and Patrick McKenna (resigned) and Mrs Heidi Macaulay.

3 Public Forum

Mr Gary Stoneley All Points Camping

Mr Stoneley introduced himself to the Committee and spoke of his passion for the area with an interest in tourism. Mr Stoneley formed the National Camping Club about eight years ago which includes campers, trailer tents, house buses, motorhomes and caravans. He was at the meeting to speak to the Camp Fest being held at the Bulls Rugby Club Domain from Friday 21 February to Sunday 23 February 2025. He explained each year it gets bigger and more professional. He said the support from the Bulls Rugby Club is fantastic, they provide their clubrooms as a base and operate the bar on the Friday and Saturday night. There will be market stalls and live music which is open to the community, this may include a gold coin donation or a base price for a family to help cover costs. Everything is confirmed and the marketing is starting to crank up. The local businesses gave feedback afterwards previously saying they appreciate the business brought into the area.

Mr Bowen asked if there was anything that could be done to make the area more convenient regarding facilities. Mr Stoneley explained the Camp Fest participants come with everything they need, power is supplied from the Rugby Club, the changing rooms and toilets are a little rough but this is a long term project. They have been looking at staging for the live bands which has been managed by running power cords from the Rugby Club.

Mr Bowen asked about the lighting in the carpark, Mr Stoneley said it wasn't good but some lighting comes from the Rugby Club and the event is in February, therefore the weather is usually ok and it isn't getting dark until about 8.30pm.

Mr Bowen asked if they looked after their own rubbish, Mr Stoneley explained the Council supply bins and bags free of charge then on the Sunday, they deliver it all to the transfer station. There are mobile toilets on site and everything is pretty well covered. He also spoke to health and safety, saying there are vehicles moving with people coming and going and food stalls, this gets finetuned as they get into the festival.

Mr Smith asked about security. Mr Stoneley said they used a couple of rugby players from the Rugby Club which helped. There was a local incident which spilled into the event but had nothing to do with it. This created awareness so they would love to work with the Community Patrol but they try to keep everything at a pretty low level.

Cr Loudon asked how many people attend, Mr Stoneley said their numbers have gone up by about 50% each event and are looking to have around 400 camping and staying over this time so the beauty of the facilities is you can have everyone staying there.

Mr Stewart asked if there were marked out sites, Mr Stoneley explained they put families together, they don't mark the site out specifically but the bigger you get the more structured it needs to be,

so with smaller numbers they can be more flexible so they are spread out and not crammed in from an emergency perspective.

Mr Smith asked about fire prevention, Mr Stoneley said they are looking at getting an Education Officer from the Fire Brigade and working more with the local community, inviting them to the event and joining them for the weekend as it is a huge safety issue.

Mr Smith is the local contact and on the committee so any questions can be directed to him.

Mr Stoneley left some flyers with the committee members, thanked everyone and left the meeting at 6.20pm

Mr Wally Plank- Bulls Community Patrol

Mr Plank explained he had lived in the area for 40 years and the Bulls Community Patrol started more than 25 years ago as nights on patrol. Since then the Police have become more involved and they have a Memorandum of Understanding and are the eyes and ears of the Police but have no powers of arrest. They patrol in marked vehicles and the aim is to be visible which is the biggest deterrent to any potential misdemeanours.

The rules are they must patrol in pairs and log in by phone. They may ask them to look at particular areas, they patrol for as long as they like and have a key to the back door of the police station where all the patrol gear is kept. They may patrol locally or go further afield such as Scotts Ferry, Santoft road, and Tangimoana.

The problem the police have is their efforts can't be measured, they look at insecure premises, street lights out, they key an eye out for what looks out of place. Their job is to record that and put the form in at the police station at the conclusion of their patrol and police will follow up if need be.

Their numbers are not brilliant for a number of reasons, so they are looking for recruits. There is a procedure which is not easy and there is a lot of paperwork which involves a police check. After that there is training along with online training.

Mr Smith indicated there was a volunteer keen to get started and thanked Mr Plank.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Mr Smith noted there will be discussion on Haylock Park and he owns a property nearby. There could be a perceived conflict of interest, but not a direct conflict of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Nomination of New Committee members would be included at Item 11.1.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Mr Smith noted there was an item that had been formally raised by Mr Dear that was not added to the Follow Up in the previous Minutes, so it will be added to the Follow Up of this meeting Minutes.

Mr Dear read his questions out and these are to be added as item 6 to the Follow Up items.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/046

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 8 May 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/Mr B Dear. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

Item 2 - Updates on emergency events from Council

Mr Smith had requested updates on any emergency events with regards to mainly flooding events. The Civil Defence website displayed a number of emergency events and going through these, Mr Smith noted that the event of May last year was not recorded. However, the Fire Brigade did not declare it as an emergency event but it was not a problem as it was minor flooding. Mr Smith asked if the flooding in May 2024 was declared a disaster

Cr Wilson said the Council's emergency procedures were initiated through that event from the early hours of that morning until 6.00 pm at which Cr Wilson attended but no declared emergency was announced for that day. Cr Wilson noted during Item 7 going back to this Item, that there was a significant difference between an event and a state of emergency. And Mr Smith's thinking was right that if there is an event happening, what is the notification process but there is a big difference between them.

Mr Smith noted the Civil Defence plans had been renamed to community Response Plans and they don't make that distinction between events but they cover all of those events. Mr Smith will have further discussion with Paul Chaffe. Cr Wilson noted it was a good thing for the Committee to be involved in.

Mr Smith said through his own personal experience there was no notification the flood was occurring and he contacted the Council at 9.30am to identify that there was flooding across the road further down the street but was informed it wasn't rising in Marton so unlikely to be rising in Bulls. In terms of the Community Response Plan, if it wasn't declared as an emergency then the Community Response Plan probably wouldn't be a very useful document unless there were some alternative arrangements.

Item 5 – Traffic calming options for Criterion St and Taumaihi St

Mr Smith noted the traffic calming options have been on the books for quite some time, before his time in fact.

Mr Smith noted Arno Benadie says it is completed, Higgins and the Roding Team are considering potential solutions for Taumaihi Street, the speed calming structure will include pedestrian crossings adjacent to the school. This location receives a large number of State Highway 1 bypass traffic. Unfortunately Criterion St is not currently being considered for any traffic calming interventions.

Cr Wilson noted this matter has gone to the Assets/Infrastructure committee and there has been suggestions that the traffic calming could be the plastic type speed bumps which are bolted or screwed to the road. It has been on the Council table for discussion and has come from the community committee to Council for further discussion and he believes an action has been considered if it hasn't already been actioned for Taumaihi Street.

Mr Dear suggested that it might best for a raised pedestrian crossing rather than a speed bump.

Mr Smith said this will be left as an action, it says completed, but that is the consultative process.

Item 6 – Haylock Park

Mr Smith has added this item to the list and as questions to go to Council. There is more discussion to be had with Item 11.2.

ACTION: questions from Mr Dear to Council

1. Are the lease monies collected on Haylock Park held separately in a specific account dedicated for the park?
2. How much money is available for the development of Haylock Park?
3. What is the process to have a playground similar to Walker Park be installed at Haylock Park?
4. What compliance costs would be incurred?
5. Can local contractors volunteer their services at a lower cost be employed, eg fencing contractors, drainage contractors?

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/047

That Item 6 be added in line with Mr Dear's requested questions to Council.

Mr B Dear/Mr D Yates. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/048

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

Mr B Dear/Mr D Yates. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chairman's Report - September 2024

AED Scotts Ferry

Cr Raukawa asked the committee about the AED battery replacement at Scotts Ferry and asked for a recommendation to reimburse the CE as it was paid out of the CE Emergency Fund and a letter of thank you from the Bulls Community Committee..

Mr Smith said somewhere there was a communication breakdown. He got a phone call from Peter Ginders and said it was taken care off. There had been a number of emails and texts to find out what went on and how it was sorted and this is the first he has heard of the process that resolved the situation. Mr Smith noted that this was not urgent and he and a committee member visited the site and checked out the box and it still had a number of months to run so it was decided to go through the funding process using grant money

Mr Smith noted he spoke with the providers of the defibrillator, and by the time it starts beeping, they have 3 to 5 months to replace the battery which removed the emergency situation in his mind. He documented this in an email letter to the Scotts Ferry Beach Community Committee. He also invited Peter Grinders to this meeting tonight to discuss it.

Mr Yates noted after doing some research, that the problem was the unit was serviceable and the unit itself is no longer serviceable after that point and it was requiring the benefit of having a new one put in place. And any talk on that it would require extra funding.

Mr Smith, to back up Mr Yates, had a phone call from the Red Cross saying they have an 8 year life but this is already 12 years old. They are also moving away from that particular model. So if the battery was available now there is no guarantee it would be available at the next replacement,.

C Wilson asked if the committee received a formal application for funding in writing or through a process.

Mr Smith said he had a phone call and was dealing with Mr Ginders and he had produced a report which went through the following Monday, and all the parties appeared to be in agreement that was the way forward, so after that point anything that happened was out of their hands.

Cr Wilson asked if the chair has received a formal request at that committee meeting to discuss it at the table.

Mr Smith confirmed they did not have a committee meeting because it was after the July meeting.

Cr Wilson noted there was a significant time delay here which has probably attributed to some of this, the fact there was no meeting last time because of no quorum.

Mr Smith responded to questions that the last correspondence he had with the representative was that he would come back to us after they hold their meeting on Monday.

Mr Dear asked does it mean most of the AEDs spread around the countryside were getting dated.

Cr Wilson noted Marton Rotary Club has been involved in funding around Marton. They are varying ages and there are different bodies that administer the maintenance and upkeep of them, it was always assumed it was St Johns but some aren't, it's a little disjointed. One would hope there isn't an emergency where one is needed and the battery is flat. That should be the primary concern.

Rubbish

Mr Dear asked about the Horizons rubbish. Mr Smith collects and noted it was Horizons rubbish and said it would be in the committees interest to notify them through Council that this is happening, otherwise they don't know.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/049

That the Chairman's Report – September 2024 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report- July 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/050

That the Mayor's Report – 25 July 2024 be accepted.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

9.2 Mayor's Report - 29 August 2024

Mr Smith commented that the committee do need to take some of these items out to our community and discuss them because while Rangitikei District Council remains a member of LGNZ, LGNZ has rather significant proposals coming through from Councils. That is not to say they will all see the light of day but there are some debatable points in there.

Cr Wilson noted they are remits that go through to the LGNZ conference and they are voted on by the member Councils that attend the LGNZ conference and at that stage they are taken from LGNZ as recommendations through to central Government. Many of the recommendations have been there many times, many times they have been taken through to central Government and many times central Government has done nothing about it. That is the process.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/051

That the Mayor's Report - 29 August 2024 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Mr B Dear. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards

Mrs Haworth gave a brief overview of Kym Skerman's Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards report, some will have seen the report as Mrs Skerman has been presenting them at the Community Committee meetings. These billboards are to highlight the lesser known scenic spots or activities nearby and promote those through the entrance billboards. These are not welcome to Bulls billboards, but they are welcome to the whole district so they will be external of the towns. In terms

of costs, the last cost for these billboards was between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to create and install 14 years ago and they have been quoted at \$10,200 by Capture Signs.

Mrs Haworth noted the image from the front could be put on the back but if anyone had ideas for the reverse, Mrs Skerman is open to those suggestions.

Mr Yates noted concerns that the Rangitikei is a large district and visitors may be confused with the signage if this is not a direct place. Mr Yates suggested if you are coming into Bulls there should be a Welcome to Rangitikei District and maybe with a cover of Bulls underneath it, so you are going into Turakina or you are going into Hunterville. People will know where they are.

Cr Wilson asked doesn't each town have a welcome to Bulls type sign now?

Mr Yates said it probably does but you are still putting it under a bit of pressure when you first come in. Perhaps with Bulls we are unique because we have some big cattle in the front saying welcome to Bulls and a big thing on the Bull there so there is some sort of construct but if you are going to some of these other places they have no construct whatsoever.

Cr Wilson noted these are very much district signs rather than individual towns, whether or not it could get a little complicated in its wording.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/052

That the 'Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards ' report be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Mr N Bowen. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/053

The Bulls Community Committee supports this project and will provide the Committee and its Community's thoughts individually to the Chair who will forward these to Kym Skerman in a timely manner. The Bulls Community Committee will endeavour to provide feedback into the reverse side of the signs by 18 September 2024 or as advised by Kym Skerman.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/054

That the new 'Welcome to The Rangitīkei' billboards be accepted as a positive step and inclusion to the Destination Management Plan with the intention of showcasing our natural assets and activities from around the district.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

10.2 Community Development Manager Report - September 2024

Domain Upgrade

Mr Smith noted he is a committee member on the domain upgrade. At the moment there has been one meeting and they are awaiting for Council to decide how the master plan is going to be activated and moved forward.

Mr Dear asked, talking about upgrading the Domain, are they including Haylock Park and the Domain.

Mr Smith noted the meeting they held was on the Domain upgrade and he is on that committee. There was some short discussion about a contribution put into the Long Term Plan by the Bulls & District Community Trust which they are awaiting to see what the outcome of this is with regards to other parks in the area. It Our remit is still in place that we bring the communities plans to the parks upgrades. The Domain upgrade, nothing has moved forward on that.

Mr Dear said as Mr Smith can't speak for Mrs Macaulay or the Community trust, this looks like they are taking over the funding of all parks in Bulls. In other words this committee cannot forward anything to Council without going through their Committee for funding. Unfortunately a lot of the people in the Community Trust, or 3 people on the Trust, have a strong interests with the Rugby Club and they push for the Domain. He doesn't see the Domain for the locals of Bulls but for the Rugby Club members and anyone who comes along to play rugby. As everybody knows, Haylock Park which is right in amongst the community with all the young kids and there is nothing for them to play on, just a grass area. There should be equipment there first before we worry about the Domain.

Mr Smith said there was an item to discuss Haylock Park specifically.

Mr Dear said he is worried about that being under their control.

Mr Smith said he didn't believe that was the plan and directed to Mr Calkin.

Mr Calkin asked if he could provide the committee with a little bit of focus. What they are saying is as the umbrella, they will be the funding avenue for that because the requirement of funding in the new legislation that was passed about 18 months ago, you have to be an incorporated society which they provided, they are the vehicle, they are not saying they will be taking over these projects, they will be providing the vehicle to support those particular pieces of work.

Mr Dear said that is why he is trying to find out how much funding is available for Haylock park, so we have something to start with then once people in town see some development there, we can get some people interested to move forward to apply for further funding. At the moment they look at it as a grass area they can walk through to get to town.

Mr Smith noted the concept was as Mr Calkin said, anything that is decided upon is done in the normal manner, then when the funding is needed that is the vehicle used.

Additions from the Chair

Mr Smith spoke with Bulls and District Community Trust and one item is to be referred to as future. Under Business section, referring to the request for a prize donation from BCC.

Mr Smith mentioned that he has now removed 3 ute loads of easily disposable rubbish from the River Bank.

Recommended the public to use the Council's Request for service for larger issues.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/055

That the Community Development Manager Report – September 2024 be received.

Mr B Dear/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10.3 Funding Schemes Update - September 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/056

That the Funding Schemes Update –September 2024 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

10.4 Small Projects Fund Update - September 2024

Mr Dear spoke to the \$200, this is so he can get some repairs done before the next meeting, that's why it is a maximum of \$200, it doesn't mean he is going to spend it. Otherwise he needs to wait for another committee meeting and pay for himself and ask to be reimbursed.

Mrs Bovey said a resolution needs to be made that this is resolved it holds \$200 back from this year's budget and is available for Mr Dear to do that. These resolutions will clear off that amount of money that so it released, so at the moment it looks like you only have \$973.60 as your budget, but if you make those resolutions, you actually have \$3,173.60.

Mr Calkin asked if it was the intention of the committee to send the Small Projects Form to Council team to make sure it is aligned with the other funding forms.

Mr Smith said it was aligned with the Marton form and that this has gone to Kezia and is not sure if she has taken that step.

Mr Smith is will change the wording in the blue area to be the statement be provided separately for bank confirmation details.

Mr Smith asked if they are providing quotes, then surely an invoice would be reasonable to expect as proof.

Mrs Bates said if it is going from Council to say Roadrunner, as opposed from Council to me, then from me to pay Roadrunner.

Mr Smith said this is something the individual may not receive a receipt for, so they can't show a receipt.

Mr Dear has an invoice to pay of \$112.70 to be paid for Capture Signs for the sign on one of the seats in town that got damaged. It is waiting to be installed.

Mr Smith asked if the repair had been done.

Mr Dear said he just has to pick it up – he got hold of it and had it done.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/057

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update –September 2024 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr N Bowen. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/058

That the Bulls Community Committee rescind the \$2,000 previously committed funding for the Bulls Services Map.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/059

That the Bulls Community Committee Minor Repair Fund of \$200 be rescinded from 2022/23 financial year previously committed fund

Mr B Dear/Mr N Bowen. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/060

That the Bulls Community Committee endorse **as amended** the Bulls Community Committee Small Projects Form and request that this added to the Council website.

Cr D Wilson/Mr G Smith. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/061

That the Capture Signs Invoice of \$112.70 for the seat plaque be paid

Mr B Dear/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Nominations for new Committee Members

Mr Smith noted there were a number of nominations for the committee from the members of public attending the meeting.

Cr Raukawa noted Mr Alistair Stewart and Mrs Marie Stewart were invited along, there was no pressure and it was entirely up to them if they wanted to join or not.

Mr Smith said the process is to ask if they want to join the Community Committee. Alistair Stewart and Marie Stewart and Mr Graham Jenkins had been invited along to see what happens during the Committee meetings and to decide if they would like to become Committee members.

Mr Smith asked each of them in turn if they were willing to become a member of the Bulls Community Committee then just a couple of words about their history, position in the community, why they would like to be on the Committee, gather their details and they go through the Minute process, no details will be on public forms, other than their names, and they will go to the Council to be ratified.

Mr Stewart and Mr Jenkins introduced themselves to the Committee.

Both Mr Stewart and Mr Jenkins indicated they would be interested in becoming Committee members.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/062

That Graham Jenkins be nominated as a Bulls Community Committee member

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/063

That Alistair Stewart be nominated as a Bulls Community Committee member

Cr C Raukawa/Mr G Smith. Carried

11.2 Bulls Community Placemaking

Mr Calkin talked to the Shop Local Promotion as was covered in Mrs Macaulay's report after canvassing the Bulls businesses. Local businesses are doing it tough and are in desperate need of more shoppers as we move into that busy time of the year.

This event would start on Labour weekend and go until Christmas being an 8 week period where a huge amount of money starts to circulate through the economy and he finds a lot of money goes out of town with the festive season shopping. What is being put on is a shop local promotion, which is an overarching umbrella promotion where businesses can get involved and it is straight forward. This would include businesses dressing up and promoting it, the shoppers getting a slip when shopping locally to go in to the draw to win a voucher back. Trying to get that rally cry around shopping local and taking advantage of all the great retailers, service providers and producers we have in the district. This will be Council funded, there will be shopping bags to support it and a fantastic Comms Team, so it's an exciting piece of work out in the community.

Mr Calkin spoke to Mr Smith a while ago about maps for each of the towns. The purpose of the map has multiple reasons, the first one is to highlight to people passing through or don't know what Bulls has to offer and the landmarks across the town. If they are at a bus stop and have 15 minutes, they can do the loop and this is what they will see, 4 or 5 Bulls, a coffee. The first map has been drafted for Bulls with all the Bulls, the walking tracks, the key locations you would expect a map to highlight and these will be put on 2x1 boards, one at the Bus Stop, Rangitikei Junction, Walker Park, the Domain and the fifth one at the EV station.

Mr Calkin is looking for feedback from the community on the map, any of the big obvious misses and any input and feedback. This is a great draft so looking for value added and feedback at this point. He will be talking to businesses and Mrs Macaulay from the Bulls Community & District Trust. Not everything will be included in the final draft, as an example there is already feedback about Churches and Cemeteries, while an interesting thought, does this meet the intent and what we are trying to achieve which is to bring people out of their location and into the shopping precinct to spend money.

Mr Calkin responded to questions that Council is an advocate with NZTA regarding the state highway this continues to be a tricky problem to solve. Mr Calkin continues to talk to the roading team about the needs of the town, trying to find safe solutions that are economical.

Mr Calkin pointed out the red walking trail down to the Domain and circles back on itself, has a future state extension to it, it becomes a much bigger loop when the map in Mrs Macaulay's report extends that all the way back under the bridge, then you walk that back up and into town. This is included in the map.

Mr Dear asked about Trickers Road- Rotary Bush Walk who said there was nothing there now. It is a nothing and even when cleared you couldn't find your way through.

Mr Smith said he had been washed away in the floods.

Mrs Bates said there is no indication which way is north.

Mr Calkin said there has been much debate about whether the map should show north, so in the feedback to Mr Smith, that would be useful.

Cr Loudon also suggested noting what the next big town is.

Mrs Bates noted State Highway 1 and State Highway 3 both to Marton could be confusing.

Mr Calkin suggested Taupo and Whanganui – all very useful feedback and there have been lots of opinions.

Mrs Bates asked if the maps are being done for the district and is the shop locally campaign being done throughout the district.

Mr Calkin confirmed they are both being done for the district.

Mrs Bates noted if the map is taking 6 weeks to print, is that for all the town maps or just for Bulls?

Mr Calkin said for further context, this is part of a fund that council received from Government for Better Off Funding. Council was given funds to do small place making and way finding project in the town centres, Bulls, Taihape and Marton in particular. Bulls and Taihape are first and Marton is coming, because of the wider street scape upgrade planning that has just begun so Council want to make sure they get Bulls and Taihape completed and are to an extent are on top of it as they have made commitments to getting that fund used.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/064

The Bulls Community Committee will communicate through Mr Smith with any feedback

Cr C Raukawa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

11.3 Haylock Park

Mr Smith estimated a cost of \$3,000 for the repurposing for an off leash dog park.

Mr Smith said that includes, looking at doing something in short term until we get the playground activities put on there. There are 3 sides of the part are dog proofed, it just a matter of putting in something on the Council access gate and across the front fence where the wooden bollards are. There are basically 12 posts, behind that fence, a mesh fence, some wire and consumables of \$820,

its proposed to move the rubbish bin outside, Mr Smith has spoken to Murray about that which will make it more accessible, a water toby which can be connected up to a water fountain for \$500 - \$1,000 and a doggy bag dispenser which would be placed there and find some way of funding the replacement of doggy bags and a little bit of work to extend the limestone around the water fountain. Mr Smith had a rough sketch, the front face would be the fencing, no more than the height of the existing fencing and that covers 90% of the dogs that are being seen exercised there and does allow the park to be used as an off leash area. Of course as soon as there is playground equipment in there, it all goes by the way, it gets taken away from an off leash dog area and goes into the play area.

Mr Smith noted that at the moment the current figures are about 5 to 10 people a day use it, two thirds of those people are exercising their dogs on it, some of them are even exercising off leash but some dogs don't respond to commands. Mr Smith thinks it would be a very attractive option for people coming to the district because at the moment there is no off leash exercise area.

Cr Wilson noted dogs can be off leash in the domain

Mr Smith said the domain is off leash, but it is not fenced and the dogs are not allowed to go onto the rugby field. The dog agility exercise area next door is private and locked. Mr Smith said it is recognised as an off leash dog area but without the fencing there are concerns.

Cr Wilson asked how has this matter come up, has there been a request from a number of dog owners?

Mr Smith said there was a workshop a few weeks ago, it has been raised by a number of dog owners that they wish to exercise their dogs in an environment where they are not going to lose their dog and they feel this is safer. Other dogs for example, walk past. Bulls is not an on leash requirement, obviously there are the rules about controlling your dog but somebody can be walking a dog down the street off leash, there is no rule against that. People that want to exercise their dogs are not doing it because they fear these other dogs that are being walked around in the area.

Cr Wilson said he knows Haylock Park, being in the district for a long time, there is quite a bit of traffic that walks through Haylock Park. People walk through, is that not a concern, or are you saying its already happening now.

Mr Smith said it is already happening now.

Mr Yates said he lives right alongside the park and watches these folks out there. It's brilliant to see the interaction between the dogs and the kids and would totally support something like this because he has not seen anything around Bulls that would compare with it and the way these dogs are reacting with their owners, they are very well trained and hasn't seen a dog go nuts and he has been there a while now.

Cr Wilson asked how does he propose to fund it.

Mr Smith said it would be partly funded by asking for grant money, it will party be funded by the Bulls Community Committee, they will probably have to fund the investigation process and what they are looking back from the Council is basically, because it is just a low cost enterprise and it has a high return value, they will only be asking the Council for things like the limestone, permissions to

do these things and support with any planning exercises that are necessary, and ideas on the rules and how to follow them.

Mr Dear asked it if was being proposed on the presently mown area

Mr Smith said yes correct.

Mr Dear is totally opposed to it, we are wanting some playground equipment in there before we get the dogs in there

Mr Smith said he had made it quite clear this was a temporary situation.

Mr Dear said it may be temporary, but if we have time to do a temporary situation, then we have time to put swings in for that sort of money, \$3,000 to put a fence up for a couple of dogs to run around.

Mr Smith asked if Mr Dear knew how much playground equipment cost.

Mr Dear said a swing is cheap.

Cr Wilson said he had heard talk of this playground and knows Mr Dear is passionate about it and it has been bounding around for quite some time. It does seem to be two separate projects which are operating external to themselves and perhaps there should be a slightly higher arching look at this. Both these projects are going to require funding and both of them will require a lesser or greater degree of Council involvement on the Park as the administrators. All of those things will require some involvement and Cr Wilson appreciates what Mr Smith is saying, that it is temporary but it seems to fall short of taking a look at the bigger picture. It may be that these two things with a bit of better planning can co-exist.

Mr Smith said he sees it as a natural flow of the development, it's a first stage development, it gets people using it, it gets people interested in the area, and then the work towards the playground and a playing field which is the ultimate goal of the Park.

Mr Dear noted that this is why an overall plan of the park would be a better idea including the grazing area, he doesn't think the amount they get off the land is great and it might be an opportune time to develop the back end for the free range dog area but anybody walking through there with kids, if there is a yapping dog, you won't get people going through and we want better use of it.

Mr Dear said he has been waiting a long time, we are on to the fourth generation of kids to miss out on it.

Mr Smith said the idea of the Haylock Park ultimately is that the areas that are currently paddocked with sheep be converted to park. The good thing about having a temporary situation is that whatever you put into place in this point of time could be extended into the other area whether it be temporary playground equipment, temporary dog exercise area, whatever. When you talk about the Domain, yes it is a large area, the whole Domain is a large area, but the dogs are only confined to a small area down the end.

Cr Wilson said that to perhaps move forward as there are different views around this, a recommendation needs to be an action to go to Council to say what would the process would be.

There will be a process to do that and acknowledged as being such and what the Council requirements might be and if there are any legal requirements. What is the process of having a free range dog running area in Haylock Park, it may be simple but you have to ask that question. They may turn around and say they would require a minimum of one drinking fountain or two or they may say they require a minimum amount of a grade of fence. There may be a lot of stuff that is required. You can then figure out what is possible.

Mr Dear asked questions about the playground equipment from Council and what the requirements are before he brings anything to the Committee.

Cr Wilson said then you can figure out how much money it's going to cost and how you are going to fund it.

Cr Wilson suggested that perhaps the question could be, to have a definitive question to go back to Council for the minutes is would Council be supportive of an off leash dog area in Haylock Park.

Cr Raukawa responded to questions that it is included in the Parks Open Spaces and Sporting Facilities.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/065

That the question be asked to Parks Open Spaces and Sport Facilities for an off leash dog exercise area in Haylock Park

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

11.4 Community Centre Donors Board

Mr Bowen presented his proposal that the proportional representation of the contribution towards Te Matapihi's construction of anonymous donations and volunteer input be displayed along with the named plaques. This may be in the form of a backboard to the plaques or just a separate plaque of commensurate size. He suggested that Council total up the anonymous donations and the volunteer work and input and even donations in kind, this would have a large board if it was going to be represented in relation to the other named plaques. It has also been suggested, after speaking to some people about it, there has been no negative feedback, whether the display be mounted in the main hall proper for greater appreciation and recognition. Originally his son in law was the lead architect and the staircase was supposed to be see through and that's why the plaques are where they are.

Cr Wilson asked is what Mr Bowen suggesting, the dollar value of that contribution be recognised.

Mr Bowen said yes, he thinks it should be recognised in the same way the current contributions are recognised.

Cr Wilson said in the same way as it forms a significant part of it.

Mr Bowen said yes it could be the backboard of it for instance.

Cr Wilson said so we are acknowledging that it wouldn't have been possible without the community input.

Mr Bowen said no he doesn't think it would.

Cr Wilson asked is it estimated that that value could run to this amount of money.

Mr Bowen said that is what he would like the Council to collate that figure and work it out.

Cr Raukawa asked if Mr Bowen had all the names of all the volunteers, are they going to be put individual.

Mr Bowen said no, it was recognition of the volunteer's contribution.

Cr Wilson said it was just about the financial contribution of the volunteer.

Mr Bowen said it was the volunteer input, like when that house was built up there, there was a huge amount of effort and a lot of the people gave money for the plaques also did other volunteer as well so it is extra recognition.

Mr Smith noted there were a lot of nodding heads so it seemed reasonable.

Mr Bowen said it would finish off the Hall.

Mr Smith suggested a letter be sent to Council requesting, first of all requesting the amount that was donated voluntarily or anonymously .

Mr Bowen said there would be a record of what the community contributed.

Cr Wilson noted the recommendation covers it, it is not far off the mark, it has the intent and the wording itself it direct enough to get an action.

Mr Smith said he thought Mr Bowen made the point that he didn't really recommend that it was proportionate though.

Mr Bowen said commensurate size was the word he used.

Cr Wilson noted proportionately represented with the additional plaque to put that as an equal contribution as the other plaques was how he read it.

Mr Bowen said say it came to \$400,000 to \$500,000 for instance, it could be the backboard of those plaques.

Cr Wilson said it could be representative with the existing plaques and take out the word proportionately

Mr Bowen said he wouldn't like to see a platinum plaque for the volunteers.

Cr Wilson said on the basis of that the recommendation written is fairly accurate.

Mr Bowen said if everyone is in agreement with that then he would like the motion be actioned.

Cr Wilson said a footnote to that should be that this should be funded by Council. On a serious side there are two sides to this, there is the funding of whatever the funding might be and what the proportion looks like, but there is also a fair amount of staff time to figure that out and that is still a cost.

Mr Bowen said he doesn't want it to be a guess.

Cr Wilson noted that to do that to go back through a whole lot of stuff will take time.

Mr Smith said that it doesn't necessarily need to be down to the nearest cent, within \$10,000.

Cr Loudon said there is a document within Council records which itemised everything, he asked for it, so everything is there. He can find that.

Cr Wilson asked if it was just under community funding.

Cr Loudon said he could find it, it is a reasonable amount, he will have a look at it again.

Mr Smith suggested Cr Loudon might like to undertake this on behalf of the Bulls Community Committee for further investigation.

Mr Smith asked if Mr Bowen wanted the motion to include the plaque be moved to the main Hall.

Mr Bowen said yes, he said it would be situated in the main Hall where there would be more recognition.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/066

That the Council collate a value of the volunteer contribution as well as the amount anonymously donated for the Hall's construction and that this combined amount be proportionally represented with the existing donor plaques funded by Council.

That the display be mounted in the main Hall proper for greater appreciation and recognition.

Mr N Bowen/Mr D Yates. Carried

11.5 All Points Camping

Gary Stoneley presented the All Points Camping 'Camp Fest' in the Public Forum.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/067

That a letter of support from the Bulls Community Committee be provided to support in whatever way the Bulls Community Committee can to support their endeavour.

Mr G Smith/Cr D Wilson. Carried

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 13 November 2024.

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Chairperson