

ORDER PAPER

BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 12 March 2025
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Te Matapihi Hall, Te Matapihi
Bulls Community Centre
4 Criterion Street
Bulls

Chair: Mr Greg Smith
Deputy Chair: Cr Brian Carter
Membership: Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Bruce Dear
Mr David Yates
Mr Graham Jenkins
Mr Alistair Stewart
Cr Coral Raukawa
HWTM Andy Watson

Purpose of the Committee

- To provide a local link and point of contact for Council liaison with the community.
- To provide for the exchange of information, communication, and to assist with the Council's consultative processes.
- To exercise delegated authority for the annual allocation for "defined small local works" in line with the guidelines provided¹.
- Particularly, to help ensure that any minor remedial or renewal works are brought to Council's attention through the Request for Service procedure, by promoting its use and advising community members on how to use it.
- To be the first point of contact (prior to Council) for community groups. Where this is not possible, the Committee will be informed of the approach by the community group to the Council.
- To engage with wider/small communities of the ward represented.

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¹ Appended to the Delegations Register

Notice is hereby given that a Bulls Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Te Matapihi Hall, Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre, 4 Criterion Street, Bulls on Wednesday, 12 March 2025 at 6.00pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 22 January 2025** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Bulls Community Committee Meeting - 22 January 2025**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 22 January 2025 [**as amended/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.

MINUTES

ITEM 6.1

ATTACHMENT 1



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Making this place home.

UNCONFIRMED: BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 22 January 2025

Time: 6.00pm

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

Present Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Greg Smith
Mr David Yates
Mr Bruce Dear
Cr Brian Carter

In attendance Cr Paul Sharland
Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager- Heritage and Culture
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
Ms Margaret Robinson
Ms Carolyn Bates

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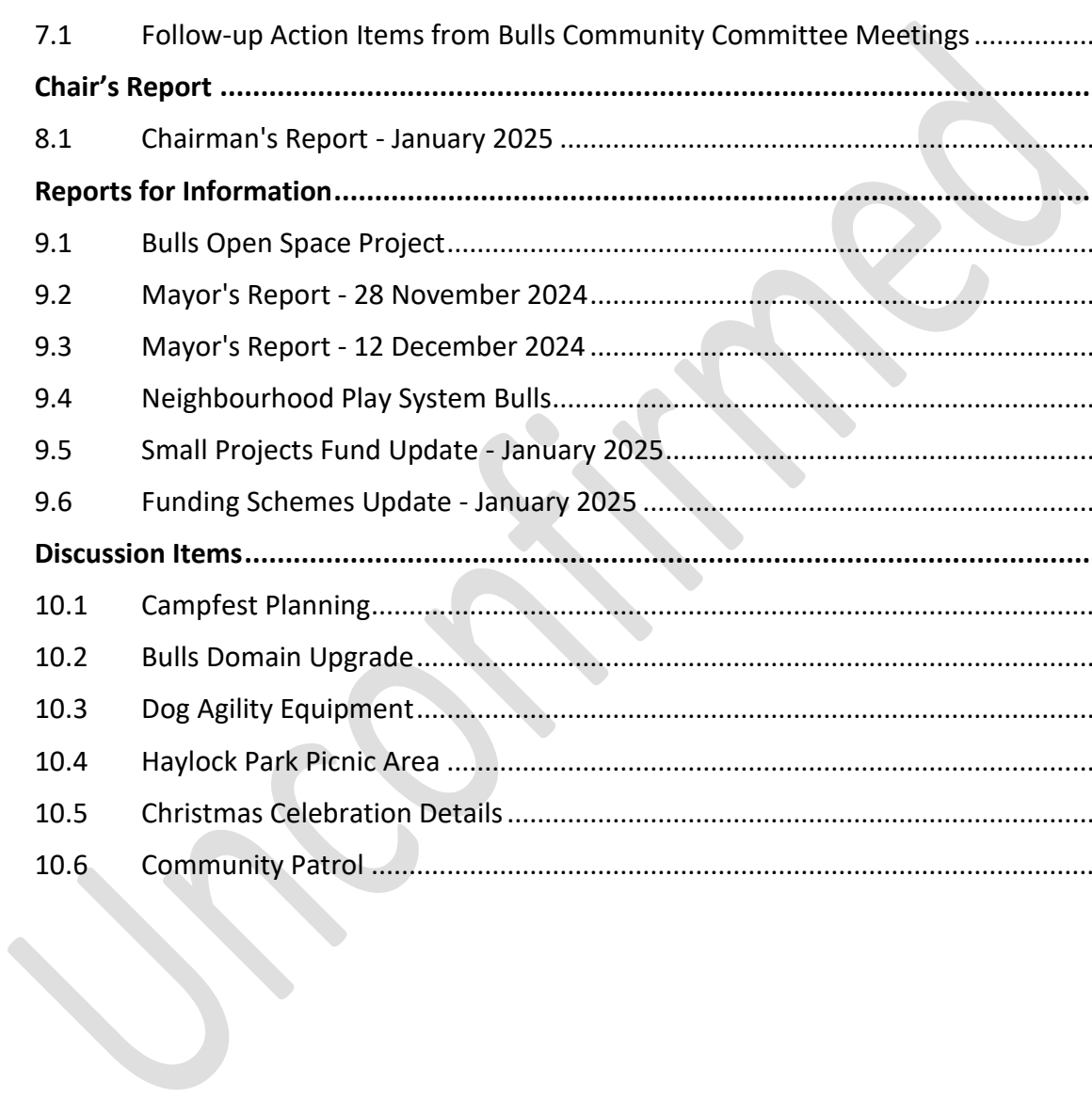
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1 Welcome

Mr Smith opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/001

Apologies received from Graham Jenkins and Alistair Stewart.

Cr B Carter/Mr G Smith. Carried

3 Public Forum

Margaret Robinson

Spoke about Dog Agility Area and Domain Upgrade

The group pays rent on the grounds and there is sometimes agility equipment in the area.

Spoke about suggestions for walking track Bridge to Cemetery.

The committee supported the walkways in the township and noted there are some issues with walkways beside the river as some areas are eroding away.

The Bulls Community Development Trust is working on a walkway, but the committee is awaiting further information on this project.

Ms Robinson advocated for the walkway, and this should be useable for the community.

Carolyn Bates

Spoke about Marae signage and state highways.

The committee discussed the expense of this.

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

Amendment: Page 16

Confusion through the minutes as read.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/002

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 13 November 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/Cr B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

Follow up with Cr Loudon for the figures he said he would provide on Te Matapihi regarding the volunteer hours. Cr Carter undertook following up on this item.

Remove item 2 from the follow up actions and the Te Matapihi volunteer plaque is added.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/003

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

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chairman's Report - January 2025

Mr Smith attended Local Water Done Well drop-in sessions, met with Craig Pocock on the Bulls Domain and attended the Whanganui Vintage Weekend.

Mr Smith noted that the Public Spaces Bylaw is not being enforced, likely because of lack of RFS from the community.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/004

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

Mr B Dear/Mr D Yates. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Bulls Open Space Project

Ms Gray was in attendance to present this item to the committee, there will be future workshops with the community with Mr Pocock to support this work. Ms Gray highlighted that any users'

groups that the committee members are aware of that should be contacted/ engaged in for the workshops should be sent to Kezia Spence.

It was noted the importance of having a plan for Haylock Park before making any major decisions that may require changing later.

The committee expressed frustration with the communication between Council and the Bulls Community Committee.

It is expected the community engagement workshops will be end of February/March. The importance of this is engaging with all user groups in Bulls to make sure the planning is appropriate for the community.

Ms Bovey undertook to follow up on supporting communication between council staff and the Bulls Community Committee.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/005

That the report Bulls Open Space Project be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.2 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/006

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be accepted.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

9.3 Mayor's Report - 12 December 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/007

That the Mayor's Report – 12 December 2024 be accepted.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

9.4 Neighbourhood Play System Bulls

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/008

That the 'Neighbourhood Play System Bulls' is received.

Mr B Dear/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - January 2025

Mr Smith noted the available funds.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/009

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

Mr B Dear/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.6 Funding Schemes Update - January 2025

Mr Smith noted the dates to committee members.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/010

That the Funding Schemes Update – January 2025 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Campfest Planning

Mr Smith spoke about the toilet block and the mural there that is damaged. There is a second quote from Julie Oliver who is a local, costing \$860.

The committee discussed this item in-depth, and the risks associated with further graffiti.

There was discussion of membership and voting members for the Bulls Community Committee.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/011

That the Bulls Community Committee accept Julie Olivers quote for \$860, with the condition the work is completed 21 February 25.

Mr G Smith/Mr N Bowen. Carried Against Mr Dear, Cr Carter

10.2 Bulls Domain Upgrade

This item had been discussed by the committee earlier in the agenda.

10.3 Dog Agility Equipment

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The committee continued discussion from public forum.

The doggy poo bag dispenser was also discussed and that this can be purchased from a company in Palmerston North for \$460. There was discussion that this should be on dog owners to take responsibility. The committee also discussed who would replenish the bags once the first lot were used Council or the committee.

10.4 Haylock Park Picnic Area

There has been previous discussion on this item, this is not a permanent table and can be moved if needed if there are any other plans from Council.

Assuming the committee will complete the labour of this project.

This is just for the general project and pricing, and then this will go to the council Parks Team to include them in the conversation.

Resolved minute number 25/BCC/012

That the Bulls Community Committee earmark \$1500 towards relocation of picnic tables to Haylock Park.

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

10.5 Christmas Celebration Details

Mr Smith noted this item for the committee to consider.

10.6 Community Patrol

Mr Smith noted the need for more community patrollers.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

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

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Bulls Community Committee meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

- 2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Attachments:

1. **Follow-up Actions Register** [↓](#)

Recommendation

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

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	13-Nov-24	Plaque at Te Matapihi for volunteer contribution	Gaylene Prince	Staff have investigated the option of the plaque being in the hall, this has proven to impact the acoustics and are looking at other areas in Te Matapihi. Staff wil continue to provide updates. Once this is confirmed the pricing of the plaque will be taken abck to Council to consider this request.	In progress
2	13-Nov-24	Haylock Park development options	Greg Smith	The opportunity to update the committee on Haylock Park.	In progress
3	28-Oct-21	With regards to the recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee for rubbish bin/s at the picnic area at the Bulls river: A recommendation by Council to approve this request was lost, and Cr Gordon instead requested that staff contact Horizons Regional Council and request that they investigate this further as this area of land lies under their responsibility.	Arno Benadie / Murray Phillips	Arno met with Horizons re MOU and withdrawing from the MOU.	Closed.
4	11-Aug-21	RDC please look at traffic calming options on Criterion St and Taumaihi St.	Arno Benadie	Council wants to progress this as soon as possible, noting the item was not included in the annual works programme and would either be unbudgetted and will stay on the radar to see if there is any funding available at the end of the financial year. Therefore this item will remain on the action list until the end of the financial year.	In progress.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chairman's Report - March 2025

Author: Greg Smith, Chairman

ITEM 8.1

The Chair may provide a tabled or verbal report at the meeting.

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report – March 2025 be received.

ITEM 9.1

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Bulls Community Civil Defence Response Plan

Author: Paul Chaffe, Emergency Management Officer

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This item is to endorse the Bulls Community Civil Defence Response Plan.
- 1.2 The attached document includes the updates to the plan from the Bulls Community Committee. Mr Chaffe will be in attendance to answer questions.

Attachments:

1. **Bulls Civil Defence Community Response Plan (under separate cover)**

Recommendation

That the Bulls Civil Defence Community Response Plan be endorsed by the Bulls Community Committee.

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Mayor's Report - February 2025

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

1. Reason for Report

Good Morning,

Our present Chief Executive Kevin Ross's resignation takes effect from 28 February. I take this opportunity to thank Kevin for the skill, knowledge and compassionate style he has brought to the position. Kevin, staff, councillors and myself have appreciated working with and for you. There have been a number of complex carry-over situations that you have had to deal with, most of which are now resolved. Kevin, enjoy your retirement again and I know that there are some issues that staff will call on you for assistance with from time to time.

The new year was touched with sadness for our district when Dame Tariana Turia passed away after a short illness at her beloved Whangaehu Marae, a marae that Tariana and her husband George helped rebuild. Our district and New Zealand lost a remarkable statesperson/politician who had the courage to follow her beliefs even if it meant crossing the floor in Wellington resulting in her setting up the Maori Party. This tangihanga was probably the largest gathering of remembrance that we will ever see in the Rangitikei with thousands of people attending each day across many political divides. My thanks also go to Ratana and their kitchens for the ability to provide food for this scale. Tragically it was only weeks later that we were back on the marae to receive Pakaitore Turia, Pahia's son and Dame Tariana's mokopuna – our thoughts are with the Turia whanau.

In between these two tragic events there was the annual gathering at Ratana to recognise the birthday of Tahupōtiki Wiremu (TW) Ratana founder of the Ratana Faith. This event always heralds the start of the political year with all political parties including the Prime Minister visiting. This year also saw the first official visit of the new Maori Kuini, Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō, to Ratana. With the Maori Queen's visit the stressed relationship between Iwi, Government and the large number of attendees was always going to be a challenge. As expected the Prime Minister immediately said that the Government did not support the Act Party's Treaty Principles Bill and quickly acknowledged support for the existing Treaty settlement process. He also acknowledged the \$10m that Government has granted to the building upgrades. Maoridom, in particular Ratana, Tainui and the Maori Queen speakers stated that the relationship between themselves and Government needs to improve and that the build is only part of that process.

On a more positive note the Rangitikei continues to be the event centre of the wider region. The Marton Country Music Festival this year saw over 700 motor homes over the 4 days, an increase of nearly 200 on the previous best to my knowledge. The music festival is high on a national perspective but augmented this year by the first public appearance of the Topp Twins in, I think, three years.

As always the Gumboot Day in Taihape, the district shearing sports, Turakina Highland Games, Kiwiburn and the Bulls Fest-a-Bull all attracted strong support. I would like in particular to congratulate Councillor Piki Te Ora Hiroa and Mokai Patea Services for hosting the Waitangi Big Day Out event on 6 February in Taihape. This day highlighted the support services available in Taihape and gave the chance for an interactive Q&A session with the Mayor and Councillors to the community. I also appreciated that Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and Councillor Simon Loudon travelled up to support our Northern Ward Councillors Gill Duncan, Piki Te Ora Hiroa and Jeff Wong at this event.

At the start of this council meeting Nyssa Nepe the young rangatahi I mentor through the TUIA programme gave a reflection of her experience during 2024 and I have attached her report. I am also introducing to council this year's TUIA rangatahi, Faenza Hiroti.

Transport and the deterioration of our roading network continues to keep me awake at night and there are several things I need to comment on here -

- With the closure of the forestry mills at Tangiwai nearly 1000 tonnes of logs a day were being carted over the Gentle Annie Road to the Port of Napier. We successfully brought all interested parties together - being NZTA, KiwiRail, road haulage contractors, forestry owners, the Ports of Napier and the respective Councils – to send a clear and simple message, that these logs needed to go via rail as the road could not sustain the damage over a period of time associated with this cartage. I want to thank all of the parties for reaching a resolution especially KiwiRail who significantly lowered their pricing with other parties also contributing. The deal is only for one year and hopefully in that time the mills are sold, people re-employed and the logs further processed in New Zealand.
- The benefit of this discussion has also been an increased willingness from NZTA to enter into discussions around further support for the maintenance of the Gentle Annie Road.
- Forestry will continue to use the road in spite of the success of the log train and we need to continue with this fight.

This Council meeting will see a decision paper on MTFJ (Mayors Taskforce for Jobs). This programme is one of the huge successes for our district. Our team headed by James Towers and Louise McCoard is the most successful in the country for finding employment for people. There are 37 councils that have the MTFJ programme, the top two councils lead by us account for 25% of the national job placements. The contract MTFJ has with MSD (Ministry of Social Development) is \$18m over 2 years, something that we need to lobby Government for its continuation.

As a Council we need to continue engaging with Government, especially where our assets are most at risk. The classic example of this is in roading. Everyone within the Local Government and NZTA sectors now accept that under current policies and funding from Government our roads will continue to deteriorate or fall into disrepair. I am one of a small group of Mayors that sit on a Transport Forum engaging directly with NZTA. Recently there has been a change of senior Government ministers with Minister Chris Bishop taking over Transport and the Hon. Winston Peters taking over Rail. Both appointments are helpful for us I believe. Through the Transport Forum group we can talk with them and the Board of NZTA around our roading concerns. We believe that it is essential that at least both leading political parties, Labour and National, can come to a cross-party supported position on transport priorities spanning many years rather than the repeated changes with the three year electoral cycle. Progress is, I think, being made here and if we can help as a forum facilitate this then the gains are enormous.

Late last year Zone 3 (all councils from Gisborne to Taranaki, New Plymouth to Horowhenua and all those in between) met in Napier. My previous reports provided the agendas and discussion summaries of that meeting. The next Zone meeting, which I co-Chair with the Wairoa Mayor, will be held in the South Taranaki in April and I attach the agenda as it stands now, subject to change. I encourage councillors to attend a Zone meeting at some time to understand the pressure we are all under and to hear the Government's positions explained. Similarly the Rural & Provincial councils across New Zealand will meet on the 27th and 28th of this month in Wellington. As our council meeting is the day before, my report on this meeting will be in next month's Mayor's Report but I enclose the agenda for those interested.

Local Water Done Well (aka Three Waters)

LWDW continues to dominate council and staff time. We as council have decided that our preferred option is to form a Regional CCO (Council Controlled Organisation) with Ruapehu and Whanganui. The work ahead this year to look at this is huge and I refer to some of the actions required below –

- The three full councils will have a series of meetings, the next one to be held on 20 February to discuss the way forward.
- Staff and council will need to understand the setup and operation costs of the new CCO compared to how we currently deliver water, waste-water and stormwater (three waters services).
- We will then consult with our community on those costs and the benefits/disadvantages of working together.
- That consultation, which is happening soon, is similar to our Long Term Plan consultation processes and will involve meetings in our leading communities.
- If any community, or Iwi/hapu wish to have a visit as part of this consultation I will make it happen but it would be useful to advise council and/or myself at the earliest possible time.
- Any CCO set up across New Zealand will be owned by the councils by way of shareholding. That shareholding will need to be worked out and explained to communities.
- Any CCO will also have a governance board that appoints the operational arm and sets the strategy. This still needs to be set up.
- Our council will still be responsible for delivering the three waters until at least 2027/28 at which time the CCO, if put in place, comes into effect.
- Government still has the power to over-ride local consultation and council decisions to force CCOs into place.

There is clearly so much to do over the next couple of years.

I want to finish this report with a very good news story. On 11 December myself and a small group of staff and councillors travelled to the Springvale Bridge on the Gentle Annie Road to formally open a new dry vault toilet. Springvale is such a beautiful spot in our district, nearly halfway between Hastings/Napier and Taihape. Years ago the Plimmer and Williams families, who own stations in the area, put in and serviced at their own expense a long drop toilet to meet the needs of the travelling public. Their generous support over many years, and their ongoing commitment, along with support from the Rangitikei District Council, MBIE Tourism Infrastructure Fund, and the Upper Rangitikei River Catchment Group, provided an opportunity to enhance the visitor experience, as well as provide an amenity that protects the environment and ensures long-term sustainability of the location. I also wish to acknowledge local artist, Timoti Pekamu, whose artwork features on the facility.

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Mayor's Engagements

January 2025

3 - 7	Attended Dame Tariana Turia's tangi at Whangaehu Marae
6	Attended meeting with Elected Members re CE appointment
13	Attended meeting with Comms Team
14	Attended site visit meeting at Mokai Station Taihape Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
15	Attended catchup with Northern Councillors in Taihape
16	Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive Attended meeting with Rural Water Scheme members and Tim Cadogan Attended welcome to Country Music Festival organisers
18	Attended Country Music Festival Showcase
21	Attended meeting with Alan Piper KiwiRail Attended monthly meetings with Comms Teams Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
22	Attended Ratana Pa for formal welcome of Rangitikei & Whanganui District Councils
23	Attended Ratana Pa for 25 th celebrations
24	Attended Ratana Pa for 25 th celebrations Attended Lament at Turakina Cemetery/Official Welcome BBQ for Turakina Caledonian Games Attended Ratana Talent Contest
25	Attended Ratana Pa for 25 th celebrations Attended Turakina Caledonian Games
27	Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive Attended online MTFJ Meeting
28	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Catchup Attended NZTHA Local Planning Policy online Meeting Attended regional relationship meeting with NZTA Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
29	Attended meeting and tour with Todd Dawson at Napier Port
30	Attended Marton Office & Library Governance Group Meeting Attended Council Annual Plan Workshop Attended BA5 Event Marton Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
31	Attended MTFJ Online Q&A with Mayors and CEs Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae

February 2025

1	Attended Shearing Sports Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
2	Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
3	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended MTFJ Governance Group Online Meeting Attended meetings with ratepayers Attended Taihape Town Hall User Group Meeting
4	Attended Fortnightly Update on Economic Development with staff Attended meeting with Comms Team Attended meeting with Strategic Pay regarding Job Sizing of CE Position Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
5	Attended meeting with Chief Executive

	<p>Attended monthly Governor's Q&A at Executive Leadership Team meeting</p> <p>Attended Taihape Networking Group meeting</p> <p>Attended National Park to view Civil Defence Building</p>
6	Attended Mokai Patea Services Waitangi Day Big Day Out in Taihape
7	Attended meeting in Tauranga regarding Industrial Hub land
10	<p>Attended LGNZ Transport Forum in person meeting Wellington</p> <p>Attended meeting with Far North Solar Farms</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting</p>
11	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Catchup</p> <p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Hui</p> <p>Attended MTFJ Online Meeting</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Attended Ratana Community Board Meeting</p>
12	<p>Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting</p>
13	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Marton Office & Library Governance Group Meeting</p> <p>Attended Assets/Infrastructure Committee Workshop</p> <p>Attended Policy/Planning Workshop</p> <p>Attended Policy/Planning Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Turakina Community Committee Meeting</p>
14	<p>Attended weekly meeting with Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor</p> <p>Attended Hunterville School reopening of Library</p>
15	Attended Fest-a-Bull
17	<p>Attended Breakfast Meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys</p> <p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended MTFJ catchup with Louise and James</p>
18	<p>Attended meeting with TUIA Rangatahi</p> <p>Attended Council agenda meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
19	<p>Attended Bulls Business Breakfast</p> <p>Attended Tux Purina 70 Year Function</p>
20	<p>Attended Combined Councils LWDW Workshop Ohakune</p> <p>Attended Taihape Business Event</p>
21	<p>Attended weekly meeting with Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor</p> <p>Attended Fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended A35 Lead Team Meeting Palmerston North</p> <p>Attended Friendship Club meeting</p>
24	<p>Attended offsite meeting with Comms Team at Tutaenui Reservoir</p> <p>Attended Triannual Relationship Meeting with Kainga Ora</p>
25	<p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Catchup</p> <p>Attended NZTHA Local Planning online meeting</p> <p>Attended (Dog) Hearings Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended monthly meeting with Comms Team</p> <p>Attended Manawatu Defence Hub Meeting in Palmerston North</p>
26	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Marton Office & Library Project Governance Team meeting</p> <p>Attended Finance & Performance Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting</p>
27	To attend LGNZ All of Government Meeting in Wellington
28	To attend LGNZ Rural & Provincial Meeting in Wellington

	To attend MTFJ Meeting in Wellington
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ITEM 10.1**Attachments:**

1. **TUIA Overview 2024 - Nyssa Nepe (under separate cover)**
2. **Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting Agenda - February 2025 (under separate cover)**
3. **All of Government Meeting Agenda - February 2025 (under separate cover)**
4. **Zone 3 Meeting - Draft Agenda - April 2025 (under separate cover)**
5. **Councillor Attendance (under separate cover)**

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – 26 February 2025 be accepted.

10.2 Community Development Manager Report - March 2025

Author: Heidi Macaulay, Community Development Co-ordinator

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Community Development Manager Report is a standing item for this Committee, and is currently provided by Heidi Macaulay, Community Development Co-ordinator for the Bulls and District Community Trust.

Attachments:

1. **Community Manager Development Report - March 2025** [↓](#)

Recommendation

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



Heidi Macaulay
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Bulls Community Committee Community Development Co-ordinator Report

5 March 2025

Kia ora koutou,

Christmas

The Trust collaborated with Shoebox Christmas and The Catalytic found to give over 100 Christmas parcels to children in Bulls and Marton.

Food Pantry

We received 50 boxes from the Mission Church in Palmerston North that were given out before Christmas at our Food Pantry. Currently the Food Pantry is getting anywhere from 25 to 30 families per week!

Fest-a-Bull

Great day had by all, relay was a hit with people already talking about next year, I had 8 teams of 5 and they had to do the following challenges:

- Eating bugs
- Hula hoop race
- Blind folded obstacle race
- T Shirt race
- Water race
- Find a Bull

Next year I want to have a proper fence again, marquees for shade, no circus, bouncy castle and a water element for kids, slushie truck, a bigger relay area and more teams with live music all day except when the relay event is happening. Numbers were well Up on last year.

2025 planned events

- Quiz Evening – Trust Fundraiser*
- Art-4-arts Sake - July*
- Wear-a-Bull Arts - August*
- Pink Ribbon – October*
- Rose Show – November*
- Christmas Parade – 6 December – first Sunday of the month*
- Fest A Bull – February Next Year*





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Bulls River Walk – Stage 1

We are applying in May when the Horizon funding round opens again.

Youth Club

This is still going strong, we currently have Hip Hop Dancing, Dungeons and Dragons, Golf and Multi Sports planned in the warmer months.

Branding

We are continuing to slowly introduce the new branding. The re freshed rubbish bins are almost all complete and look great, I often see people taking photos of them. The updated arrow signs are still in progress we will be having the following on them:

Bus Stop	Bus-a-Bull
Information Centre	Inform-a-Bull
NZ Police	Const-a-Bull
Bulls Museum	Memor-a-Bull
Bulls Domain	Play-a-Bull
Parking	Park-a-Bull
Library	Read-a-Bull
Toilets	Relieve-a-Bull
RSA	ReSpect-a-Bull
Cenotaph	Lest-we-forget
Fire Brigade	Extinguish-a-Bull
ATM	Bank-a-Bull

We have removed business names from these. Thank you, Jarrod Calkin, for all your help and work on this.

Businesses

I am working on the A-Bull branding and how we can start pushing this again, it is known and helps to make Bulls a destination town.

Parks Upgrade

I have met with Pio to discuss stake holders for upgrade of our parks in the master plan and await a meeting with the planner and stakeholders.

Kind regards
Heidi Macaulay
Community Co-ordinator



10.3 Small Projects Fund Update - March 2025**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****ITEM 10.3****1. Allocation**

- 1.1 The total 2024/25 allocation to the Committee's Small Projects Fund is \$3,173.70, this includes the carry forward of \$1,873.70 from 2023/24 and \$200 for minor repairs 2022/23.

2. Breakdown 2024/25

- 2.1 The committee has spent \$112.70 for the seat plaque, and this has been paid.
- 2.2 The committee has spent \$860 on mural art to Julie Oliver, and this has been paid.
- 2.3 The committee earmarked \$1500 at the January meeting for the Haylock Park upgrades, none of this has been paid for at this stage.
- 2.4 The remaining funds available for the Bulls Community Committee Small Project Fund is \$701.

3. Applications for the Small Projects Fund Bulls

- 3.1 Application from Beautify Bulls Committee from Raewyn Turner was received by the Chair, and this has been included in the report.
- 3.2 Application from Life Flight Trust Project was received by the Chair, and this has been included in the report.

Attachments:

1. **Application- Beautify Bulls- Raewyn Turner** [↓](#)
2. **Application- Life Flight Trust Project**

Recommendation

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

Application to Bulls Community Committee Small Projects Fund

Request deadlines:
5 pm First Tuesday of Feb / Apr / Jun / Aug / Oct / Dec for following month's Committee Meeting.

Applicant's Name And Position in Organisation	Raewyn Turner	
Organisation (if Applicable)	Formal Registered Company name or Organisation registered name Beautify Bulls Committee	
Physical Address (PO Box will not be accepted)	c/- 3 Pain Street, Bulls	
	Postcode: 4818	
Phone (Homeline or Mobile)	0274 520138	
Email Address	craftyraewyn@gmail.com	
Amount Requested	\$ 459.81	
Project Title	Bulls Fences Project	
Details of Request (Add further information as attachment if required)	To purchase wood, screws and paint to produce 3 artworks on fences within our community.	
Beneficiaries (add as attachment if required)	Who could benefit from this support?	Relationship to Organisation
	Bulls community	
	Visitors to Bulls	
Supporting Documentation (Quotes, estimates costs as attached document if required)	Covering letter with some graphics	
Alternative Funding Sources (Other sources approached, their replies, if not full amount received – what will be your next actions)	Fence owners have been sent the proposal and asked to help cover costs to secure artist services.	
Proposed method of confirmation of correct allocation of funds	BANK DEPOSIT	
Bank Details (Provide approved form of bank-provided information – no transactions need to be included)	The bank Account Number and NAME of the account MUST be accurate as banks now check BOTH. Approved form may be bank deposit slip, copy of heading of depositor's Bank Statement or other written form as agreed.	

The purpose of the fund is to assist entities with the purchase of small items or additional services which are not included in Council's operating budgets and which will benefit the local community. Examples could be signage, park furniture, plants, paint, a leaflet or other publication or an event, including implementing community-led initiatives.

Applications are normally expected to be for the benefit of the whole Community (not for individuals or small groups e.g., only club members). More than one application can be submitted in any financial year.

Applications cannot be for:

- Provision of training or conference attendance.
- Additional payment(s) for goods or services subject to a contract with Rangitikei Council.
- Amounts which exceed the Committee's annual allocation or remaining balance.

If you have any queries regarding your application please refer:

RDC 0800 422 522 (24 hrs) info@rangitikei.govt.nz for contact details for postal or hard copy, or

Send scanned/PDF form via email to: Bulls Community Committee: BullsCCSecretary@gmail.com

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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS
District 202M New Zealand
Simon Williams - District Governor 2021-2022
'Dream, Believe, Achieve'



21st February, 2025.

Dear District Governor Denis,

Re: Life Flight Trust Project.

I am pleased to advise that we have received some very generous donations, including \$50,000.00 from LMLCCT.

A brief summary from Life Flight recently reads:

- Last year, Life Flight provided life-saving emergency air services to 1,641 patients across New Zealand, marking a 28% increase in demand in 18 months.
- That's an average of one life saved every 5 hours, 24/7 throughout the year.
- The emergencies responded to include heart attacks, strokes, neurosurgery, cancer, burns, spinal injuries, premature births, and the care of critically ill children.
- The Life Flight team is preparing to face a further 25% growth in demand in the year ahead.
- To meet this growing community need, it's essential that Life Flight grows its Air Ambulance fleet.
- Life Flight has purchased two additional second-hand King Air B200C Planes to help meet this growing demand. Securing funding to complete the fit-out of these aircraft, enabling them to take to the skies and save lives, is now the organisation's top priority.
- Lions are playing an essential part in this very special project.



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An application for a matching grant has been furnished with LCIF. They have advised that they are happy with the application and noted that the more we can raise, the more they can donate!

We are now reaching out to ask if you would encourage the clubs in your District to make their donations by 31st March 2025. This will give time for the Committee to formalise everything and send to LCIF in a timely manner for their May 2025 meeting.

Donations can be paid into the District 202M bank a/c. 03-0531-0856203-000. Please reference LIFE FLIGHT, club name and club number.

On behalf of the Committee, thank you for "Coming On Board to Help Save Lives"

PDG Simon Williams

GST Coordinator 202M

10.4 Consultation Tracker - February**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****ITEM 10.4****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This is included for the committee's information. The attached schedule will be update regularly and has been taken from the CE Report.
- 1.2 This dashboard highlights the topic, staff lead and expected consultation period. There is a lot planned across the local government sector and for our Council over the next 12 months so it is of benefit to provide this to not only Council but also our Community Committees on a monthly basis.

2. RDC Website

- 2.1 Council's website lists all open and recently closed consultations (see the below weblink). This is also where individuals can make submissions.
<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/consultation/current-consultations>

Attachments:

1. **Consultation Tracker February** [↓](#)

Recommendation

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

Project	Staff Lead	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Gambling Policy / TAB Venues	Janna	Consultation 27th Jan - 21 Feb	Hearing - 13 Mar										
Local Water Done Well	Arno	Adoption of Consultation doc - 26th Feb		Consultation 5th March - 2nd April	Deliberations - 22 May								
District Plan Review Urban Growth Plan Change	Tiffany			Engagement Mar - Apr					Notification				
Annual Plan Fees & Charges	Janna Janna		Adoption of CD & draft annual plan - 27 Mar	Consultation 4 April - 5 May	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June							
Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Janna/Bryan		Adopt of draft consultation - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June							
Waste Minimisation Plan	Arno/Raj		Adoption of draft WMMP - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June							
Marton-Bulls Wastewater Strategy	Arno				Adoption	Consultation							
Local Body Elections	Katrina					National, regional, local campaign			Pre-election period - no campaign comms		Election		
Māori Wards Referendum	Katrina					National, regional, local campaign					Election		
Rātana Road Naming (landowners only)	Katrina	Consultation											
Bulls Recreation Master Plan	Katrina		Engagement										

10.5 Funding Schemes Update - March 2025**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Overview**

- 1.1 Council currently administers four funding schemes for the Rangitikei District, these are:
 - a. Community Initiatives Fund
 - b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
 - c. Creative Communities Scheme
 - d. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

2. Community Initiatives Fund

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocated \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 Round one for 2024/25 opened 01 July 24 and closed 31 August 24. Decisions were made at the September Finance and Performance meeting with funds totalling \$12,337.
- 2.4 Successful applicants were:
 - 2.4.1 Bulls and Community Development Trust
 - 2.4.2 Marton and Districts Budget Service
 - 2.4.3 Parkinson's NZ
 - 2.4.4 House of Science NZ Charitable Trust
 - 2.4.5 Te Kai Whaka Ora- Marton Youth Trust
 - 2.4.6 Forest and Bird Society- Rangitikei Branch
 - 2.4.7 Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust
 - 2.4.8 Marton and District Historical Society
- 2.5 Round two for 2024/25 opened on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 17 April 25.

3. Events Support Scheme

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council has allocated \$25,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 Round one for 2024/25 opened 01 July 24 and closed 31 August 24. Decisions were made at the September Finance and Performance meeting totalling \$15,460.
- 3.4 Successful applicants were:
 - 3.4.1 Turakina Caledonian Society

- 3.4.2 Hunterville Huntaway festival
- 3.4.3 BCDT, Christmas Parade
- 3.4.4 Manawatu Wanganui Golf Ass Inc
- 3.4.5 Taihape Area Dressage Group
- 3.4.6 3 Stand 8-Hour Strong Wool Shearing Record Attempt- Hunterville
- 3.4.7 Marton Country Music Festival
- 3.4.8 BCDT, Bulls 147th Annual Rose Show and Fest a Bull
- 3.4.9 St Joseph's School PTA

3.5 Round two for 2024/25 opened on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 17 April 25.

4. Creative Communities Scheme

4.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:

- Demonstrate growth over time
- Develop and support local artistic communities
- Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
- Support diversity and inclusion
- Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged

4.2 Creative NZ typically allocates \$24,090 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.

4.3 Round two for 2024/25 opened on the 10 December 24 and will close on the 10 April 25. Decision will be made on the 28 May 25.

5. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

5.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

5.2 Sport NZ allocated \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year.

5.3 Applications are now open for this fund and close 31 March 25. The decision will be made on the 17 April 25.

6. Further Information

6.1 More details about these funding opportunities can be found on the Council website (link below) and this is also where applications can be submitted:

<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding>

Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update – March 2025 be received.

ITEM 11.1

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Freedom Camping Bylaw

Author: Greg Smith, Chairman

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The Chair requested this item for the committee to discuss.

Recommendation

If needed:

11.2 Local Water Done Well Consultation**Author: Greg Smith, Chairman****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The Chair requested this item for the committee to consider a submission on Local Water Done Well.
- 1.2 Information on Local Water Done Well consultation can be found here [Where's Water @ Rangitikei?: Rangitikei District Council](#)

Recommendation

That the Bulls Community Committee [does/does not] submit on the Local Water Done Well.

11.3 Bulls Community Committee Boundaries

Author: Greg Smith, Chairman

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair requested this item.
- 1.2 This is a formal request to Council on the boundaries for the community committees and have this available on the council website GIS layers.

Recommendation

That the Bulls Community Committee request Council to create GIS map layers for the community committees, and that this includes the number of households in the boundary lines.

12 Meeting Closed.