

# MINUTES

## **UNCONFIRMED BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, 13 November 2024

**Time:** 6.00pm

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

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Present

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

In attendance

Cr Paul Sharland  
Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager- Heritage and Culture  
Mrs Deb Haworth – Minute Taker  
Carolyn Bates, Chair, Marton Community Committee  
2 Members of the Public

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## 1 Welcome

## 2 Apologies

No apologies received.

## 3 Public Forum

There was no Public Forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

Mr Smith would like to add some questions about Local Water Done Well as a discussion point.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

Mr Bowen informed the Committee the Minutes were inaccurate, he did not arrive late as stated in the Minutes.

Mr Dear noted that the way the Minutes have been written up has been extremely good.

### **Resolved minute number 24/BCC/068**

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 11 September 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 B Dear/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

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

#### Item 1 - Planting area Criterion Street and SH1 beautification

Cr Carter said this project has been done about 3 times. It firstly started out with umbrellas on the corner with the picnic tables. That was in conjunction with the owner of the property. The umbrellas became unstable and destroyed themselves because they weren't being looked after by the tenants. Then the shade sale was put in at a cost to this Committee and the platform and new picnic tables and also the large pots at the base of each of the steel poles of the shade sale. This was part of this Committee's funds.

Mr Smith asked if there was a current plan for further beautification.

Cr Carter said it is up to the Committee. It was started and then left to be funded and looked after by this Committee. It is this Committee's property as well as the tables across the road in the small alcove.

Mr Smith asked is the old Information Centre?

Cr Carter was uncertain as to whether that area there, the furniture was part of the sale of the bus stop but the Bulls Bake House use that area. It is a grey area as it isn't the Council's anymore as it was the sale of the Information Centre.

Mr Smith said that if the furniture was there when the sale went through it is highlight likely they assume it is theirs, if it wasn't specifically mentioned.

Cr Carter also said there were two macrocarpa seats that was underneath the veranda there disappeared at the time of the sale.

Mr Smith said they have eliminated everything over there at the moment, there is nothing there now

Cr Carter said the pot plants over there were part of the project as well, they went in with the pots around the streets and the pots on the corner. That has been built with collaboration of the owner, its been built over a boundary, there is a special consent to have that structure over there – the shade sale.

Mr Smith said that no building consent is required for that structure.

Cr Carter said he got approval to do what was done. He was the creator of it.

Mr Smith said that as a Committee it was up to them to have a look and come back with ideas on what to do with it, if anything needs doing with it. He has spoken with the owner who is quite happy with it and he has some ideas of his own and he has invited him to the meeting.

Cr Carter asked, the owner or the lessee?

Mr Smith said the person who currently cooks in the place.

Cr Carter said the lessee.

Mr Smith will talk to the lessee to discuss with them if we have any ideas or he has any ideas to move it forward. Mr Smith proposed that we move the status so the item is added to stop it falling off.

### Item 2 - Sport Whanganui Report

Mr Smith asked if staff had any ideas about this.

Ms Bovey said this was the Community Trust so she is not quite sure.

Mr Smith said they had no report here.

Ms Bovey will follow this up with Heidi to see if she knows what it is.

Item 3 - Rubbish bins in the picnic area at the Bulls River

Mr Smith is waiting for the final agreement between Council and Horizons on what is happening there. It is with Arno Benadie, the Asset Manager.

Item 4 - Traffic Calming options on Taumaihi Street and Criterion Street

Mr Smith doesn't think this has not got any further.

Mr Dear believes it is being looked at and he wanted to make mention they have to consider some of the empty bin trucks going around there, bouncing over those, they will make a row so they will have to be careful otherwise they will get lots of complaints.

Mr Smith said there is still the issue of other vehicles using the Bus Stop as a short cut as well, which he thinks is under Council consideration as well.

Mrs Bates noted this item was marked as completed, should it be?

Mr Smith said he thought it wasn't completed., so the proposal is Item 4 be moved back to In Progress.

Item 5 – Haylock Park development options

Date: 13 November 2024

Details: as above

Person assigned: Cr Carter

Status Comments - what we expect to see: regular updates to committee from Council on the options

Status: In Progress

**ACTIONS:**

Items 1 - remove the Status comment

Item 2 - Ms Bovey to follow up

Item 4 – Status changed to In Progress

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/069**

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

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chairman's Report - November 2024

Mr Smith presented his Report verbally. He has been flat out, coming out into spring, summer and Christmas.

He attended the Marton Community Committee meeting last month, along with Dr David Yates.

There was another load of rubbish taken out of the river in the Ute at the beginning of last month, the burnables and recyclables. The other rubbish is still there, he is guessing Horizons will get to it, not a pressing issue, just some shatter glass from a vehicle and the dumping under the bridge which has now been removed, thanks to Horizons after a number of reports and photos taken.

He is not sure if he used the Report It or straight to Horizons reporting system and it went through, with a response the next day, then a day later it was gone.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/070**

That the Chair's Report – November 2024 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

## 8 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - 26 September 2024

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/071**

That the Mayor's Report – 26 September 2024 be received.

Cr B Carter/Mr Stewart Carried

### 9.2 Mayor's Report - October 2024

HWTM Watson noted they were well into the replacement process for the CEO. The applications have closed and there is a committee that brings the long list down to a short list. There were about 40 applications put in front of the short list committee so there is a reasonable amount of interest and that doesn't include the one who were never going to pass muster.

The Dudding Trust have met and they haven't announced the money to be handed out but effectively the advisory Trustees have approved about \$900,000 to go out to the Rangitikei which is a considerable sum of money ringfenced for our district.

The apology from the Crown in Wellington yesterday for the abuse under care, HWTM Watson went down for it. The apology at Parliament, they had a huge number of people at the TSB Centre with Centres in Auckland etc. Some of the information is heart wrenching, the abuse suffered and the apologies. The Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition apologised, and they got about 6 or 7 leaders of different Crown entities to apologise. Some of those apologies were received really well and a couple weren't. Erica Stanford who is the Minister responsible was received really, really well, the feeling was from everybody that she had shown a genuine engagement process. The exception would have been the Solicitor General, people were very audible and upset with the way she delivered the apology because previously and in very recent times she has said effectively 'you people are lying and I am not prepared to listen to you'. That was known. It was pretty raw and later on in this coming month's Mayor's Report he will refer to a whole of things in detail because there is a huge amount happening at the moment. As a consequence, first of all there is an apology, then there is a compensation process for those people involved. How they fund that and how they decide who gets what will be a challenging process. Then there is a specific fund that is going to be used to try and identify the unmarked graves of people that may well have been buried and a lot of that relates to Lake Alice Hospital. There will be a process also where around the country if there are street names or references to people who are known now to be perpetrators, that will all be removed., There will be a public holiday on 12 November 2025 which will also serve as a these are the lessons that were learnt and what will you guys change in the meantime. It was a tough process and our district is highlighted a number of times because of Lake Alice. One of the things he will be putting in his report is also that he doesn't want everybody to be tarred by the same brush. There are people who worked at Lake Alice, who worked for Christian faith based organisations, there were people that adopted children and performed very well. Yes there were people who adopted people and abused them but there were also a huge number of people who did very good work.

HWTM Watson said he will take any questions and it is up to the Chair, Mr Smith, as to what he would like him to explain, if anything around Local Water Done Well. He asked if there were any questions from his Reports?

Mr Smith thought HWTM had represented the district well in this respect and it is a difficult subject to deal with when it comes to these historical instances. Rangitikei may not be seen by the general public of NZ in the best light, someone once said all publicity is good publicity at the end of the day. The water tower is still seen as a bit of a tourist attraction in some respects although there is rather a ghoulish aspect to that.

Mrs Bates asked if the public holiday was just next year or was it going to be ongoing.

HWTM Watson said they weren't clear about it, he thinks the intention is just next year. This is the most lengthy, expensive royal commission that has ever been held in NZ with thousands of people being interviewed. The abuse was endemic to a whole lot of organisations and government departments.

Mr Smith thanked HWTM Watson for his offer to answer questions about Local Water Done Well and he will treat it as a late item and discuss it there as there might be a resolution out of that.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/072**

That the Mayor's Report-October 2024 be received.

Cr B Carter/Mr Stewart Carried

### 9.3 Haylock Park

Mr Smith there is a Report on Haylock Park which was the request to Council to consider. There is another Report further up, so a couple of Reports.

The first one relates to the questions Mr Dear raised at the last meeting, on page 60 and there are some answers from Council.

Are the lease monies collected from Haylock Park held separately in a specific account dedicated to the Park – the answer is No.

How much money is available – the answer - no funding has been budgeted to the development of Haylock Park. Mr Smith said it is he would say outside of the Long Term Plan budgeting process.

What is the process to have a playground – it starts talking about submissions through the Long Term Plan process. Mr Smith's initial investigations of a playground means we are looking at a significant amount of money and it would be required to be raised

Mr Dear doesn't think that should be included because we don't know, we don't know how big we want it and these are Mr Smith's thoughts.

Mr Smith said even just a small playground, it doesn't matter, they start at quite large amounts of money. Compliance costs would be incurred through the Resource Consent process and Parks would be involved in that decision process prior to applying for any consents.

Can local contractors volunteer – that would down to community groups, and how much and health safety etc.

If the project was given the go ahead an agreement would be written clearly identifying the responsibilities of each party

Mr Smith asked if there was any further discussion on this?

Mr Dear said yes, regarding the lease money and the specific account, he didn't word the question correctly because when Cr Jane Dunn, a Councillor at the time in about 2019, advised the lease money was tagged for Haylock Park and she had a figure of about \$26,000 which she got from Council. Because Mr Dear put specific account, it may not be a specific account but money has been tagged according to Cr Dunn. He is also trying to find the information when it was going through, because the three living Councillors at the time said yes there was an account, so whether at the amalgamation it was put into the general account, he doesn't know. He is trying to get that checked out.

Mr Smith asked if he had a specific question to bring back to the Council.

Mr Dear said not at this stage, he will get his ducks in a row first, do the leg work then present it, one way or the other.

Mr Smith asked if there was any further discussion on the monies.



Mr Bowen asked if these decisions are voted on in Council or are they just discussed then concluded.

Mr Smith said if we produce a report to Council and request a Report then those decisions are voted on but I think this was a direct question.

Mr Dear said we asked the questions and they gave us the answers.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/073**

That we wait for the investigations for the next meeting.

Mr B Dear/Mr G Smith. Carried

#### **9.4 Update on Recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee**

Mr Smith said this was some questions to the Council to investigate.

1.1.1 - The first one was the question be asked of Parks and Opens Spaces Facilities for a fenced off leash dog exercise area.

Council made the decision to not investigate a dog exercise area in Haylock park.

1.1.2 -That the Council collate the value of the volunteer contribution as well as the amount anonymously donated for the Hall construction and this combined amount be proportionately represented with the existing Donor Plaques. And that the display be mounted in the main Hall proper for greater appreciation and recognition.

Te Matapihi Volunteer Board, Council doesn't hold the information relating to contributions. Moving the Plaque into the Hall may impact acoustics, the Foyer is a public space where as the Hall can be booked. Moving the Plaque may come as a cost

1.1.4 - Council directed staff to investigate a plaque for the volunteer contributions. The Council does not hold any information relating to volunteer contributions for the construction of Te Matapihi therefore this won't be able to be displayed as part of the plaque.

HWTM Watson asked a question for his clarification, were you seeking just a board that recognises the huge number of volunteer hours contributed by everybody as a group without being able to put a figure on it or were you wanting to recognise individual volunteers.

Mr Bowen said basically the idea was the anonymous contributions should be recognised. He talked to Councillor Loudon who said there was a figure he was able to come up with in that respect. The volunteer side of it, in terms of getting a value for that, was just an add we did because we knew what the value of the house that got sold, \$139,000 or something. That is a figure that volunteers produced. He is sure there are figures there so he doesn't quite accept the response that has come back. There are figures there and he can quote Cr Loudon on that.

Cr Carter said that would be just for that given house. But there was fund raising where people were paying \$500 for a seat at different fundraisers. There is another donation people have made, there are the hours that were put into that house, not just the monetary side of it so you can't measure that.

Mr Bowen said he thought they could allow for that and make an educated guess. He doesn't think it's complicated and thinks it needs recognition. He thinks a plaque for just people names who gave certain amounts of money is not being true to the wider population of the town.

Mr Smith asked, in Mr Bowen's opinion, would it be acceptable just to have an acknowledgement plaque in general.

Mr Bowen said in a commensurate size is the wording in the question we gave to the Council. Its got to be relative.

Mr Smith said it could be really roughly, we discussed the various volunteers

Mr Bowen said even if we made it the backboard and a large amount of volunteer labour and anonymous donations also contributed. That is all he was asking on behalf of people who asked him. There is a sentence somewhere.

Ms Bovey pointed out that in 4.1, it notes Council have directed staff to investigate a plaque at Te Matapihi for volunteer contributions. She thinks that is what they are looking at.

Mr Smith said the question is whether we can get one that is commensurate in size to the volume of contributions.

Ms Bovey said even a frame around the outside, that might be a way – adding it up could be very hard and you could underestimate hugely the work that has been done and they don't want to do that either.

Mr Bowen said its not just the volunteers.

HWTM Watson said he has enough information to have a talk to the CEO.

Mr Bowen asked if the acoustic argument was a cheap response or was that educated one.

Ms Bovey said this is about the back part.

Mr Bowen said yes the back wall is definitely an acoustic wall.

Ms Bovey said that is why there is nothing on the walls in there, it is acoustically designed and you don't get the echoes you do in the other Halls. They are worried it would change the acoustics.

HTWM Watson said even the roof material is designed for acoustics.

Mr Bowen said he knows it's complicated, definitely. But it actually sort as a possible cause , it might make the acoustics better, we don't know.

Mr Smith said we are at a point where have achieved what we can and we will take that win and look forward to seeing where it gets. He imagines everyone has been and had a look and seen some space where it could go. Mr Smith asked Mr Bowen if he could put some ideas together and send them to HWTM Watson.

Mr Bowen said he has no other ideas other than what people ask him to do.

Mr Smith said maybe a photograph of the area and say this would be good and this is the commensurate size that he has an idea from after discussions

Mr Bowen said he is not qualified to do that.

HWTM Watson said he will have a discussion with the CEO and say he now understands exactly what you are seeking.

Cr Carter asked was he wanting notice of the monies donated and the hours donated. You won't get a number.

Mr Bowen said an indication that it is substantial. He doesn't want a platinum plaque.

Mr Dear asked about the dog exercise area, that's a no go?

Mr Smith said he watched the discussion on that and there was a little bit of misinformation presented against our favour unfortunately, we didn't have anyone from the southern board presenting or putting our case forward at the meeting. However the main thrust was there is an existing unfenced dog exercise area down at the Domain.

Cr Carter said correction, fenced, there are two areas, both are fenced.

Mr Smith said the fenced area is a dog agility park and that is not available to the public.

Cr Carter said it has a locked gate, and you can't undo a farmers latch, you're in trouble.

Mr Smith said it has a padlock around it.

Cr Carter said the gate is open.

Mr Smith asked what other gate?

Mr Carter said the one at the other end of the park.

Mr Smith said we might have to look at getting some signage on it then.

Cr Carter said there is signage on it at the other end.

Mr Smith said it you can get down there.

Cr Carter said you can drive through the Domain. He was there this afternoon to check it out.

Mr Smith said there is a sign that says public access is available.

Cr Carter said it says dog agility, anyone is welcome and its got an ordinary gate latch you can open up and it is a fenced off area. The one on the roadway is padlocked to stop the yahoos coming in and driving on it and wrecking the place. You can get straight into the Domain and destroy it.

Mr Smith said there is no information on that front fence that says that you can access that area.

Cr Carter said if you look further you can see a gate at the other end.

Mr Smith said he will recommend to the Council that they get some better signage of some sort because it is not widely known. He has never seen members of the public using that area.

Mr Dear said he begged to differ but he had.

Cr Carter said there was a person there today.

Mr Dear said this means Haylock Park is not available, so we should get signage up for the irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs loose on the kids playing ground.

Mr Smith has investigated that and there is no ban for off leash, it is only under direct control of the owner is the requirement in the Council's by laws at the moment.

Mr Dear said he read it differently.

Mr Yates said he lives alongside of it so he sees what's going on all the time. Mr Dear said so did he.

Mr Yates said the kids there are having a wonderful time with their animals and it seems to him that everyday there is someone in there with their dogs and off leash as well and they are having great fun. The kids are having a lot of fun in there because they can chuck the ball around, the dog goes chasing after it, great stuff, it comes back again, family stuff. That's what it's all about. He thinks we do need to address this with a little bit of thought in there. It's a park, make it useful for folks. Off leash dog, you want to fence a bit of it for that, it would be fantastic for them. You want to make it safe for the dogs and the kids.

Mr Dear thinks the grass that is mown at the moment would be ideal for a kids playground and not the dogs and there is grass area out the back, so ok we just move it back towards the back and do it there. With all those dogs running around, how many people are not prepared to go in. We don't know.

Mr Yates hasn't looked at, it hasn't created a problem but having said that, move some of those sheep a little bit and put another fence in for the dogs. He doesn't think it's a major problem.

Mr Dear said the consideration of Haylock Park at the moment it is a mown area and you would have to go through Council to have a fenced in area down the back.

Mr Smith said the cost is not the critical issue here. The critical issue will be rearranging the leases and fencing an area in the sheep area, then off course it would have to be mowed.

Cr Carter has made some enquires about removing a fence which would double the size of the park that is mown at the present and looking at the leases arranged for that. There is another paddock out the back which is fenced off which could be used as a dog area as such. He has feelers out at the moment looking at what we can and can't be done.

Mr Smith asked, this would be in terms of Cr Carter knowing who the lessee is ...

Cr Carter said he is not dealing with it, it is Council's job, he has nothing to do with it. We, the Committee, have nothing to do with the lessee.

Mr Smith said no, but we would need to know some background information, we can't just say we are going to take this land

Cr Carter said Council are looking into the fact of the lessee arrangement and removing a fence.

Mr Smith asked to what end.

Cr Carter said to make the park area bigger.

Mr Smith said that was useful information.

Cr Carter said did he realise the park was the whole area.

Mr Smith said yes absolutely.

Cr Carter said he has taken it upon himself to investigate.

Mr Smith said thank you.

Mr Dear asked if Cr Carter needed confirmation from this group that it was ok for council to look to see if they could increase the current park area and also to include a fenced dog area because they are the owners. They can come back and say ok, we can do this area here.

Mr Smith said it sounds like a good motion.

Cr Carter said the back paddock would still remain fenced, he isn't looking at getting rid of all the fences but whether that lessee has got it for 6 months, he doesn't know. It might be a monthly lease.

Mr Dear asked what the requirement was or a dog fence.

Mr Smith has investigated this and you can go all around the country and there is no definable standard other than it needs to retain a dog in a reasonable situation. There are designs where they bury the fence in the ground, where they go quite high, where they have tiers on the top to stop the dog jumping over.

Mr Dear asked if the Council has something if you are a dog owner you have to retain your dog in your property, is there a requirement for that?

Mr Smith said no, the rule is you have to be directly in control of the dog and if it's off leash then you need to prevent it from being able to access a public space. This being a public space you have to ensure any fence would contain a reasonable dog from the area. You are not going to stop the Italian Police performing dogs, they can jump 6 metres, you have to be reasonable.

Cr Raukawa said to Mr Smith that he had already priced up a fence for that area.

Mr Smith yes, a temporary fence. It was roughly \$3,000 but he has since re-assigned that in a temporary vain using waratahs and off the shelf fencing and that drops it down to about a \$1,000. Depending on the size we need to make and this includes two double gates. It needs two double gates so the other dogs in there don't run out while you are going in. You have to make sure there is access for the mower to get in and out. Once we have the area, then we can start talking about putting agility components in there like ramps and jumps, see saws and things like that. It depends on the public want for more. He does know there are visitors to the town, this is pure conjecture, talking to the people at the Camp Fest last year and likely to come this year, they do have dogs, if they are passing through, they want somewhere they can stop and exercise their dogs off leash and

to the travelling public its quite a useful tool. He doesn't think, coming back to what Cr Carter was saying about the existing area that apparently is open to the public, even though the sign at the front sort of infers otherwise, he thinks we need a little bit mores signage and proactive publication to visitors that this is available.

Mr Dear said the Information Centre here can direct them to just down the road, it's not too far.

Mr Smith said that in light of the large number of dog walkers that use Johnson Street, he thinks there are a huge number of people walk there dogs.

Mr Dear said they walk them because they want the exercise, not just stand in a paddock and let their dog run free.

Cr Raukawa said wouldn't there be another cost for the doggy bins, or would that be Council's responsibility?

Mr Smith said that is a very good question, it is split around the Councils of New Zealand whether they provide the bags or not. Palmerston North provide bags at one site and not another. He doesn't know why they made the decision. In Wellington, there are no bags at the Evans Bay site which is a very good site and very well used, but he is not sure of the history of why they don't provide bags there but they do provide a bin. We do have a bin there at the moment and if we had that area enclosed in the dog exercise area, the bin would have to go outside so the general public could use the bin without entering the area if they chose to so if we do talk about investigating part the sheep grazing area as dog area, then we may have to look at another bin or at least at the other end.

Cr Carter said there is a bin down here at the dog exercise area, there is a bin sitting there waiting.

Mr Smith said but no baggies and no signage. There is no defined detailed standard countrywide that says what you do and do not need.

Mr Dear asked did Mr Smith feel a waratah fence was enough with current fencing laws.

Mr Smith said it would be a netted fence. To expand, at the moment there has never been a dog that has got through into the sheep area off leash because they have the small mesh and it goes yay high. You would expect if there was a dog that wanted to, it would.

Cr Carter, picking up a couple of points, you were talking about a dog agility tunnels, hills. How about putting the monies from that towards the one that is already established?

Mr Smith he would need to look at what they are doing there because it is a dog agility group that runs it.

Cr Carter said they bring in blow up stuff and put it down there.

Mr Smith asked if they keep stuff in the shed and bring it out. He will give the number on the fence and give them a call.

Cr Carter said Margaret Robinson. Mr Smith also mentioned Camp Fest with their dogs, were they aware they weren't allowed to have dog son the football field at all.

Mr Smith said it is included in the advertising for the group. There is enough area down in the on leash or under control exercise area, the back football paddock, not the oval. That is under control from the Committee.

Mr Smith asked Mr Dear if he wanted to raise a motion or us to try and work towards a motion.

Mr Dear suggested the Committee ask Council to come back with ideas to include an area somewhere for on leash dogs to try and accommodate both. We need an overall plan for the whole park and then work to stage 1, stage 2 and stage 3.

Cr Carter has it being look at, at present. Perhaps put it in the things to do list to keep track of it

Mr Smith said that's not a bad point because that way it stays in the program and we can get regular updates rather than waiting for the final. Would that be acceptable? We put it as Item 5.

The Committee discussed what this item would be.

Ms Bovey said there was an option to get Pio Rowe, Community Project Manager, involved. She runs the community projects and talks to groups who want to develop things like the new playground at Marton Park. She would be the person to potentially come along and speak to the group and get some ideas on what you are looking for and give you some ideas of what you can and can't do.

Mr Smith said that was a good idea.

Ms Bovey will email her contact details to Mr Smith.

Mr Smith will follow that up informally.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/074**

That Item 5 – Haylock Park development options be added to the Follow-up actions

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/075**

That the report Update on Recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee be received.

Mr N Bowen/Mr Stewart Carried

## **9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - November 2024**

Mr Smith read out the Report.

Cr Carter bought up the plant boxes across the road. The ones here have been strengthened renewed and replaced. The ones over the road are the bottom of the pile, do we wish to carry on with the project of the potted plants?

Mr Smith asked if it was the plants or the boxes.

Cr Carter said both. We replaced the plants in them and we must be getting up to replacing them again. The pots over there are shot and leak.

Mr Smith asked what sort of pots are they? Wooden boxes or ...

Cr Carter said they were all sorts.

Mr Dear said there were some troughs.

Mr Smith asked if it was worthwhile looking at a complete replacement?

Cr Carter thought they needed to be thrown out.

Mr Smith said it was not something that could be done within the \$200 maintenance.

Mr Dear said he would have to get prices from McIlwaines again to see if we can get those. But to be quite honest, the takeaway shop do not look after that area, it's a mess, they have no interest in looking after it.

Mr Smith asked as in rubbish?

Mr Dear said as in looking after the plants.

Mr Smith but that is our task anyway isn't it?

Mr Dear said no not really, they did the main street and that was overflow. And to get the people to pull the cart around to water those is a little bit too much.

Mr Smith asked what do you think if we are looking at it, to eliminate the plants over there altogether.

Mr Dear said if the building sells, we will have to see if we can put them back on again, get permission to have them there. If someone buys the bus stop, its part of the bus stop that area.

Mr Smith said we are talking about the bus stop and the Bulls Café. Short term, you are saying lets clear it out.

Cr Carter said they need to be looked at and thinned out. There are some there that have gone past their use by date.

Mr Smith said we just need someone to go and discuss with them to take it away.

Mr Dear said it doesn't need discussion, they are outs, we just take them. They haven't done anything towards them, just get rid of them. He will do it.

Mr Smith said in terms of that we will need a resolution to remove our property from their property. He asked how he was going to dispose of it, is it going to the tip?

Mr Dear said he is able to get rid of it.

Cr Carter also noted the plants under the shade sale have never been watered in the watering system.



Mr Dear said we have never provided plants for them either, apart from the original ones.

Cr Carter suggested we talk to the lessee and say they are for their benefit, how about they water a few plants.

Mr Dear said a lot of the ones are further out, we have started putting succulents in, and that's worked well, down Criterion Street.

Mr Smith asked if he gets the history and the background a little bit clear, we have someone coming around with a watering cart and pumps water into these.

Mr Dear said there is a group of about 8 people who have volunteered and there is a garden cart that is behind Intrigue. It was 20 litre containers on it, they fill them up. There are more water points so you don't have to pull 8 x 20 litre containers, the volunteers go around, some do the extra bits and some by the time they have gone around they have done enough. He is always asking for volunteers, he sometimes find someone and asks them to volunteer, so he knows he can rely on them.

Mr Smith so any volunteers or have some time, give you a call and say they are doing the watering.

Cr Carter suggested we talk to the dog agility group at the Domain and see if they have some equipment.

Mr Dear said they would need to come to us.

Cr Carter said he would talk to Margaret.

Mr Smith said it would have to be permanently out there all the time. It would need to be proper solid outdoor equipment, not just the blow up stuff.

Cr Carter said he would talk to her.

Mr Smith said he would also chat to her. We are looking at the next meeting we might have some ideas for signage we might need to look at paying for.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/076**

That the Committee clean up the area by the Bulls Bakery & Café.

Cr B Carter/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/077**

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

Mr G Smith/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

## **9.6 Funding Schemes Update - October 2024**

Mr Smith noted HWTM Watson mentioned about Duddings Lake Trust which wasn't in the Report.

Mr Dear said it is not part of the Council.

Mr Smith said that clarifies that.

**Resolved minute number 24/BCC/078**

That the Funding Schemes Update –October 2024 be received.

Mr D Yates/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

**The meeting closed at 7.15pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 22 January 2025.**

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Chairperson

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# MINUTES

## **UNCONFIRMED: ASSETS/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, 20 November 2024

**Time:** 1.00pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present**

- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Richard Lambert
- Cr Simon Loudon
- Cr Brian Carter (Zoom)
- HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance**

- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
- Mr Darryn Black, Roding Transport Manager
- Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
- Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Manager- Community Property
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Wilson opened the meeting at 12.59pm.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 24/AIN/022**

That the apologies be received from Cr Sharland.

Cr D Wilson/HWTM A Watson. 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 24/AIN/023**

That the minutes of Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 11 July 2024 **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.

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meetings

#### Item 1- Alternative Water Source, Taihape

His Worship the Mayor will meet with Mr Thomas.

#### Item 2- Guarantee for Marton Water Strategy

Mr Benadie responded to concerns that the guarantee is not in place until the trial plant is running.

### Item 5- Otara Bridge

His Worship the Mayor raised that when a project is closed that there should be an update to councillors on what happens with the surplus budget. Mr Benadie responded that this was emergency works and therefore came out of existing budgets. This project was completed just under the expected costs.

### Item 6- Kaimatawi Road

Councillors requested this item stay in progress on the action items list as this item is not completed yet in its entirety.

### Local Water Done Well

This item was raised about the state of council pipes. The Mayor noted that this is a national issue and there is an embargoed report regarding this.

Mr Benadie has been looking at networks and this continues to progress, such as a network performance, and this can show the current issues and expected problems to come on the network. Mr Benadie explained the different considerations of pipes, such as some might be more critical, and this supports a 30-year programme of work and when council should invest money in the corresponding years.

Mr Benadie will send out the synopsis on the asset management plan to committee members.

### Items 11-16- Taihape Community Board Requests

These are Waka Kotahi responsibilities and Taihape Community Board can follow up on these requests for Waka Kotahi.

### **Resolved minute number 24/AIN/024**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meetings' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - November 2024**

There was no Chair's Report.

## **9 Reports for Information**

### **9.1 Roding Update**

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting during this item at 1.36pm and returned at 1.37pm.

### Calico Line Footpath

There is the possibility to change the Long-Term Plan and the Annual Plan and therefore this will be a discussion on the 12 December workshop. This would not provide a possibility for a decision. Councillors noted that there is not enough information to decide at this stage.

There are further items to come and that can be brought through to the 12<sup>th</sup> of December Council workshop for a decision on the 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

### Seal Extensions

There was a question regarding projects being approved by Council and this item is to be provide an update.

Mr Benadie responded to questions these works have been on the works programme for a lengthy period and the resolution was due to a reprioritisation of this.

The Mayor commented that Council should be part of the decision for unsubsidised work, such as Mokai road and Mt Curl.

Mr Benadie noted that this is included in the budgets and is the Long-Term Plan.

### Kaimatawi Rd

This involves a logging site and there has caused a huge slip. Now working with Horizons Regional Council, Rangitikei District, Waka Kotahi, and the forestry operations.

Mr Benadie highlighted that there are only two properties on this road and the possible costs will be about \$1 million and therefore this is causing the difficulties with NZTA perspective to fund the repairs of this nature is not economical.

The Mayor highlighted there is a responsibility within Council to provide access to properties however there is a need to consider this across other conditions.

There will be further information to come to Council on this item, especially to clarify the responsibility for Horizons Regional Council and the contractor.

### Mokai Valley Rd Subsidence

Mr Black highlighted that this item has an avenue to apply for further funding with this item.

### Higgins Monthly Report

Mr Benadie noted that this report supports being transparent and provide as much information in this space.

The Mayor highlighted the Taihape-Napier road and that he has called for a meeting with stakeholder to be proactive on the heavy use of the road.

**Resolved minute number 24/AIN/025**

That the 'Roading Update' report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**Motion Lapsed**

That the Assets/Infrastructure committee recommend to Council that the Calico Line footpath project be withdrawn from the works programme.

Cr Maughan.

**9.2 Consent Compliance Report - October 2024**Water Supply

Mr Benadie highlighted that the continuous monitoring is not compliant, noting this is a challenge for the district due to being in rural spaces, it only takes one blackout to be non-compliant.

Mr Benadie responded to questions that the PFAS rules changes in Australia, that we have not received any rule changes but the testing of PFAS will be this month. These results will be shared to the committee.

Mr Benadie highlighted that now this in-house this is a focus area for Council to be compliant.

**Resolved minute number 24/AIN/026**

That the report "Consent compliance Report – October 2024" be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

**9.3 Project Updates Report - October 2024**Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Membrane Upgrade

Mr Benadie noted that there will be a close off report to Council on this item, specifically relating to the final costs of the project and whether there are any funds that can be redirected.

Marton Water Strategy

Mr Benadie will provide detail to the committee on checking in that this project is meeting the original expectations of the project. There were comments that this is a high-profile project for the community and the importance of getting this project right.

Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation

A report will come to December about the costings for the repair of the asset if this information is available by then.



Mr Benadie responded to questions that the insurance claim isn't looking positive, but the new CFO continues to work on this.

**Resolved minute number 24/AIN/027**

That the report 'Project Updates Report - October 2024' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**9.4 Community Leisure Management (CLM) Report 2023-2024 Swim Season**

Ms Rayner came to the table on behalf of CLM to speak to the report.

Ms Rayner responded to questions regarding the decrease in numbers this was a combination of losing Trevor a swim instructor, and schools no longer come through due to the financial costs.

Staff and CLM are looking at a solution for the season to provide pool options to the community.

**Resolved minute number 24/AIN/028**

That the Community Leisure Management (CLM) 2023-2024 Swim Season report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

**9.5 Hunterville Community Assets Trust Report 2023-2024 Swim Season**

Cr Dalgety is the Chair of the Hunterville Community Assets Trust and spoke to the report.

The solar heating allows for the keeping the pool open for longer which is the main benefit for the trust. There has not been any cost analysis regarding this.

Cr Dalgety highlighted there was a request for summer coaches and there will be a further conversation with the trust and CLM.

**Resolved minute number 24/AIN/029**

That the Hunterville Community Assets Trust 2023-2024 End of Season Report be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**The meeting closed at 2.52pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on.**

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**Chairperson**