



## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of the six-weekly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held by Zoom meeting on Monday 13 December 2021 commencing at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present Ric Odom (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Brenda Roberts, Allen Grainger, Doug Rowe, James Robbie

Guests in Attendance Jenni Wild (Waka Kotahi), Victoria Cooper (Downer), Nick Johnson (WDC), Clive Morgan (WDC), Ash Mitchell (Fulton Hogan), Chris Smith (Waka Kotahi)

Councillors in Attendance Cr Jacqui Church, Cr Stephanie Henderson

### **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Agenda Item 1

No apologies received.

### **CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA**

Agenda Item 2

Moved by Allen Grainger

Seconded by Doug Rowe

The agenda was confirmed.

### **CARRIED**

### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Agenda Item 3

Doug Rowe to discuss with Clive Morgan.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Agenda Item 4

Moved by Allen Grainger  
Seconded by Doug Rowe

## **CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Agenda Item 5

### Inwards

Agenda Item 5.1

No inwards correspondence

### Outwards

Agenda Item 5.2

No outwards correspondence.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Agenda Item 6

### Jenni Wild from Waka Kotahi

Agenda Item 6.1

Presentation received from Jenni Wild. Discussion from the representatives of Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) and Fulton Hogan regarding the expansion of SH1 between Papakura and Drury. They gave future dates for further extensions to Ramarama, including information regarding places of historical interest enroute, which has delayed the project slightly.

### Victoria Cooper and Luke Lyons from Downer/Alliance

Agenda Item 6.2

Pokeno Road Upgrade - Victoria advised that works will be closed down between 24 December and 10 or 11 January for Christmas / New Year break.

Request from Brenda Roberts regarding potholes already appearing in the new roading on Pokeno Road / Great South Road to be repaired properly before final surfacing in early 2022. Community Roding Committee agreement for main road to start end-January 2022.

Footpaths nearing completion.

No update on completion of Ford Street.

## **REPORTS**

Agenda Item 7

Pokeno Works and Issues Report – November 2021

## Agenda Item 7.1

Ric Odom responded that Pokeno Community Committee feels that it is at a disadvantage in the submissions process. The Committee comprising of volunteers, many of whom have full time jobs, has limited resources, whereas developers can afford to hire a range of experts to develop their submissions.

Helen Clotworthy asked where the original submissions can be found and advised there was a discussion regarding timeframe for submissions and when appeals can be made.

Cr Church advised that 'friendly submitter' offers assistance (for a fee) to frame cohesive submissions.

### **Totara Park**

Doug Rowe asked again about barbeques in the park and why gas bottles have not been installed. Discussion took place regarding connectivity of gas as there is no mains gas. Clive Morgan has had no response from Megan May (WDC) as barbeques are still not connected with gas bottles and the park still does not have rubbish bins, playground equipment, etc. Improved lighting needs to be installed.

### **Pokeno Projects**

Nick Johnson advised there is no real update due to COVID-19 restrictions. Munro Sports Park has significant delays.

### Schedule of meetings for 2022

#### Agenda Item 7.2

To be advised at next meeting.

### Pokeno Community Committee Schedule

#### Agenda Item 7.3

This will be an ongoing agenda item. Update on Trust application deferred until 2022 due to COVID-19 delays.

### Subcommittee reports

#### Agenda Item 7.4

No reports.

### Neighbouring Community Committees / Boards

#### Agenda Item 7.5

No reports.

### Councillor's Report

#### Agenda Item 7.6

### **Cr Church**

Cr Church advised that Council (WDC) mandated all staff to be double vaccinated and all Council owned facilities to require vaccination passes for entry. WDC communique coming out to Pokeno Community Committee and Hall Committee.

Climate change action advisory is being set up.

'Three Waters' input. Council is supportive with some concerns.

McLean Road connectivity for wheelchairs on footpaths to be discussed further.

Submissions to Council deadlines:

- Easter Trading Bylaw by 14 January
- Speed Bylaw by 23 January
- Dog Bylaw by 26 January.

Asked the Committee regarding painting yellow lines on side road by fire station to allow access; at least 1 car length, as it is difficult to drive fire-truck into the station building due to cars parked on both sides of the road. A comment was made that parking is also used by people going to Pokeno Family Health.

Cr Church advised that Fraser Road is regarded as being semi-rural and as such, no footpaths are planned. This also applies to Kowhai Downs.

There have been issues with home supply water trucks accessing free water around the district. This has been stopped and trucks can now only access water at 10 Yashili Drive. This is metered, so trucks will have to pay to access water.

#### Committee AGM and Elections

Agenda Item 7.7

Suggested that Annual General Meeting (AGM) and election date to be decided at first meeting in 2022 (late January) in order to have time to publicise elections.

#### Waikato District Plan changes, submissions, processes, implications, actions

Agenda Item 7.8

#### **Jim Ebenhoh**

Talked about the District Plan regarding Pokeno and letter from Pokeno Community Committee. There is an opportunity to appeal the Commissioner's decisions.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Agenda Item 8

#### **COVID-19 Subsidy**

Nick Johnson (WDC) advised that Auckland Council has been given a large sum (\$480,000 out of a total of \$37 million) for residents in the north Waikato COVID-19 area, which includes Tuakau and Pokeno, to apply for a portion of this amount. Both residents and businesses can apply online at Auckland Council website.

Economic Blueprint for community fundraising initiatives briefly mentioned.

#### **Whangarata**

No real update regarding dog walkers and cultural influence of this.

## **Website**

Advised that it is still a work in progress and communication with the website developer remains challenging. Once resolved, the intent is to develop a generic email address (or addresses) using the current domain, such as '[committee@pokeno.nz](mailto:committee@pokeno.nz)' or '[secretary@pokeno.nz](mailto:secretary@pokeno.nz)'.

## **ACTION POINTS FOR DECEMBER MEETING**

Agenda Item 9

Request for Council to:

- Repair potholes already appearing in the new roading on Pokeno Road / Great South Road before final surfacing in early 2022.

Chair, Ric Odom, thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee will be **Monday 24 January** 2022 at 7.00pm at the Pokeno Community Hall. **SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION**