



POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the monthly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held in the Pokeno Hall, Pokeno, on 13th November 2018, commencing at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present: Helen Clotworthy, Tricia Graham, Doug Rowe, Todd Miller, Janet McRobbie, Charles Hackett, Morris Roberts, Ric Odom, Lance Straker

WDC Staff in Attendance: Ian Cathcart, Vishall Ramandy (Strategic Planner)

Councillors in Attendance Cr J Church Cr D Fulton

Community Members Community Members attended.

1 APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Kris Hines, Wayne Rodgers

Moved that the apologies be accepted: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Doug Rowe

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE STATUS OF THE AGENDA

This was moves that item 5.2 be considered before 5.1

Moved Helen Clotworthy

Seconded Tricia Graham

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There was no disclosure of interest

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Moved Todd Miller

Seconded Tricia Graham

5. REPORTS

5.2 Pokeno Works and Issues

This was presented by Ian Cathcart

- Quotes are being obtained for the zig-zag walkway, a decision awaits these

- A formal letter has been sent to the real estate company regarding their parking
- The design of the new Whangarata Road Cemetery is under way - more consultation is envisaged.
- The sharp bend on Helenslee Rd requires more than the double yellow lines requested – it needs to be looked at by the road engineers.
- The work on the upgrade of the Pokeno Toilets going out to tender in the New Year.
- The Kowhai Downs Waterfall area has not yet been vested in council so until it is council can do nothing about the rubbish problem. It was considered that before a development starts it would be a good idea to sort out this type of problem.
- Project Update – to be presented mid-January
- Roading Update When the Hitchen Rd bridge opens a 50km zone will be in place.
Ford Street is not to be closed in the short term because of truck considerations
A long term holistic view is being developed including ideas for a ring road
There is considerable degrading of the road between Great South Rd and the Motorway on ramp
- Power Upgrade is agreed on
- There is a rabbit problem at the moment Ric Odom to make the appropriate phone call

5.1 Passenger Rail Business Case

A report was presented by Cr D Fulton and Vishall Ramandy

The start-up rail service between Hamilton and Papakura where it joins the Metro service has been agreed on – this has been pushed by central government. The original plan was to have it stopping at Huntly and Tuakau but the Business Case for a stop in Tuakau does not stack up. Money originally ear marked for the Tuakau Station has now been relocated to upgrading the Huntly Station. It is thought that around 300 people a day will use this. A 75% subsidy for the start-up project has been guaranteed for 3 years

A robust discussion followed this as residents of Pokeno are concerned about our lack of Public Transport as more and more people pour onto the Southern Motorway.

We were told however that in June 2019 a bus service from Pokeno to Pukekohe via Tuakau connecting with the trains will start. This will be at half hour intervals at peak times and 2 hourly during the day.

In 2023 the Metro line will be electrified as far as Pukekohe The currant diesel engines used between Papakura and Pukekohe could then be used to extend the line to Pokeno and Mercer

5.3 Pokeno Community Committee Schedule

- Transit to be invited to the February meeting
- Gavin Donald to be invited to present the results of the group at the March meeting

5.4 Interests Register

- In the interests of transparency the Council like us to fill out a disclosure of interests form. This can be done on line or on the form

5.5 Christmas Parade

Allen will send out details to those involved on Wednesday. There has been a great response.

5.6 Councillors Report

With things winding down for the end of the year there was nothing thing to report

5.7 Street Naming

New names are required but the rules seem to be changing. Clarification to be sought

5.8 Committee Reports

The Community patrol will continue over the holiday period.
Meet and Greet to have their Xmas function on the 13th December

There being no further business Helen declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm and invited those attending to indulge in Xmas Cheer
The next meeting to be held on February 11th at 7.00pm
There is no January meeting