



## POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the monthly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held in the Pokeno Hall, Pokeno, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 commencing at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present: Helen Clotworthy, Janet McRobbie, Lance Straker, Doug Rowe, Maurice Roberts, Paul Heta, Charles Hackett

Guests in Attendance: Kevin Stokes - WDC, Sam Toka - WDC, Gavin Donald GDC, Jason Marconi, Sport Waikato

Councillors in Attendance: Cr S Henderson

Community Members  
Attending: Community Members attended.

1. **Apologies** and leave of absence: Apologies were received from Cr Jacqui Church, Tricia Graham, Rick Odom, Todd Miller, Kris Hines, Wayne Rodgers

Moved that the apologies be accepted: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Paul Heta

### **2 CONFIRMATION OF THE STATUS OF THE AGENDA.**

Moved, Helen Clotworthy, Seconded Janet McRobbie

### **3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** There was no disclosure of interest

### **4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** meeting held 12<sup>TH</sup> February 2019

Moved that the minutes be accepted: Helen Clotworthy  
Seconded Doug Rowe

## **5 . REPORTS**

### **5.1 POKENO WORKS &ISSUES:**

#### **Gavin Donald update to the community regarding North Waikato Sport and Recreation Needs Assessment.**

Gavin presented that North Waikato Sport had talked and consulted with schools and clubs about the need to access space and good facilities. The recommendation was for Pokeno that the ‘Munro’ road block was essential as a hub and to promote future sports club growth. Currently Pokeno had approx. 11 hectares allocated space, but in fact needs by 2045, 33 hectares of accessible space.

Key to this was the Munro block in the medium term, for possible cricket and football activities.

Kevin Stokes added that currently Council was seeking a stormwater report, re flooding and accessibility to the Munro block.

Kevin said if the Munro Block was deemed unsuitable for purpose, then the alternatives are 3 years away, in the interim maybe Tennis club revival, with similar multi type sports within a small facility!

The stormwater report will be available for the May meeting as will the OPUS report.

#### **Jason Marconi, presentation Volunteer Recognition Award .**

Jason is the District Coordinator for Sport Waikato ,his role is help council set up facilities for communities and to connect .He presented Marlene Lynarn with a Sports Jacket/top in honour of her commitment setting up a ‘hiking club ‘in Pokeno .He said Marlene was an incredible hostess, organiser and she went out of her way to involve ‘all’ levels of walkers and walks within an hour or so of Pokeno.

#### **Foot path ZIGZAG**

Kevin informed the meeting that council have made numerous attempts to contact Mr Russell Parkinson from Dines Group to get the pathway ‘quoted’ and sorted out for the residents. It is now some 4 months since the developers were again approached and 12 months since Mr Parkinson was getting costings together ! It was suggested that the WDC contact Colin Botica to follow up.

#### **Double Yellow Lines Helenslee Road ‘bend’**

Kevin will follow up as these lines were supposed to have been painted in March. Council waiting for surveyors reports re property boundaries before any tree trimming can take place on this bend.

#### **Toilets**

Kevin informed the meeting that cubicle screens (between Men’s/Women’s entrances)were to be installed and that there was also a paint upgrade .Helen suggested we look at those colour options at our May meeting.



### **Cemetery Design**

Nothing yet re design. Pokeno ,Tuakau,Onewhero, residents and Community groups will be consulted via a WDC community projects team workshops at some stage in the future.

### **Bus Stops.**

Kevin tabled the 'route' Map for the new Pokeno,Tuakau,Pukekohe bus service. The Bus route is to start in September and will have Buses every 45minutes during Peak hours, every 3 hours non-Peak and on Saturdays and Sundays every 6 hours each way.

### **Street Lights (Main Street )**

Kevin informed the PCC that all the main street lights will be replaced by LED's and that Banner poles would be erected on the right hand roadside To be completed new season October.

### **Supermarket Update**

The supermarket submissions go to council in late April and will be publicly notified .Kevin informed PCC that Wellington street is the preferred entrance ,not Great South Road. Full set of visuals at next meeting in May .Proposed start date is October 2019 at this stage.

### **Community Projects**

Tata Developments are proposing an upgrade to the boat ramp at Mercer .Kevin informed us.It is only at the 'infancy' stage, more funding is required and additional contribution probably needed. Work in progress continues with all groups involved.

Moved Helen Clotworthy ,seconded Janet Mc Robbie.

## **5.2 POKENO COMMUNITY SCHEDULE**

Helen will contact Colin Botica for updates. May, supermarket visuals to be presented. Toilet block colours to be discussed.

## **5.3 IWI AND PARTNERSHIP MANAGER.**

### **Sam Toku ,WDC Iwi and Community Partnership Manager.**

Sam was welcomed to our meeting by Paul Heta on behalf of local Iwi and the community.



Sams role is to work with local Iwi groups and consult with council and known developers.

Sam raised the point that there were seven steps to name streets and that he had been informed no streets were in Maori in Pokeno! Given the historical past of Pokeno he thought this was odd ! Helen Clotworthy informed him that as a community, we were very involved in our street naming and our history. The process of street naming was explained and that the community was involved

#### **5.4 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Stephanie Henderson, reported that the Railway bridge railing on Whangaratta road was finally being replaced as soon as NZTA and rail could arrange it !

#### **5.5 COMMITTEE REPORT. 5.7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Doug informed the PCC that the meet and greet was going really well and 29 people attended the last meet.

Someone had broken/smashed the 'little' library door by the toilet block. Wayne and Doug fixed and replaced it .

The community patrol has been funded with laptop tablets to enable more efficient reporting and recordings for the appropriate authority.

The 'poppies' will be erected for the ANZAC service/parade at 2pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> .Janet Mc Robbie commented that it would be nice if WDC staff could get the planning timeline correct for planting the gardens to correspond with the service of commemoration at the memorial

#### **5.6 NEXT MEETINGS AGENDA**

THIS WAS COVERED IN 5.1 AND 5.2, Helen Clotworthy thanked the visitors for their attendance and contribution. There being no **further business the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.**

**NEXT MEETING MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 7PM.** at the Pokeno Hall