



## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of the monthly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held in the Pokeno Hall, Pokeno, on 14 March 2019 commencing at 7.00pm.

**Committee Members Present:** Helen Clotworthy, Tricia Graham, Doug Rowe, Janet McRobbie, Wayne Rodgers, Chris Hines, Morris Roberts, Ric Odom

**WDC Staff in Attendance:** Kevin Stokes

**Councillors in Attendance** Mayor Allan Sanson , Cr J Church, Cr S Henderson

**Community Members** Community Members attended.

**1 APOLOGIES:** Apologies received from Todd Miller, Charles Hackett

**Moved that the apologies be accepted:** Helen Clotworthy

**Seconded:** Tricia Graham

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

A representative of NZTA was not in attendance so Kevin to give us an update  
Todd Miller was unable to attend so the Civil Defence update will be given next month  
Items 5.3 and 5.4 to be switched around

**Moved** Helen Clotworthy

**Seconded** Tricia Graham

### **3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There was no disclosure of interest

### **4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**Moved** Helen Clotworthy

**Seconded** Janet McRobbie

## **5. REPORTS**

### **5.1 NZTA Presentation**

In the absence of a representative from NZTA Kevin (WDC) gave a report  
A workshop was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March and a report on this will be given to that group on June 19th  
They are looking in amongst other things at the connectivity between the East and West of Pokeno.

Questions raise by the floor relating to NZTA were

Allan Granger reported that the lights on the Motorway north of Pioneer Rd have been out for several months He has reported this to NZTA but there has been no action. In addition the damage done by the accident on the off ramp to Pokeno has not been fixed although this happened some time ago. Kevin is to raise these points with NZTA

Disappointment was expressed that NZTA did not send a representative

### **5.2 Civil Defence Update**

Todd Miller advises that the Civil Defence Plan is at Council awaiting a final review for approval

### **5.4 Works and Issues**

*Footpath between Hillpark Drive and Mill Hill Crescent*

The Committee expressed concern with the timeframe in resolving the footpath issue between Hillpark Drive and Mill Hill Crescent which has been an ongoing problem for 7 months. The remainder of the issues in the report were deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

### **5.2 Pokeno Community Committee Schedule**

Deferred issues from this meeting

An update to be given on the Munroe Block and its recreation possibilities.

Colin Botica (Dines Group) to be invited to give us an update in particular with regards to the progress with Totora Park.

### **5.3 Year to Date Service Requests**

Taken as read

Moved Ric Odom

Seconded Helen Clotworthy

### **5.5 Councillors Report**

*Cr S Henderson*

*Cr J Church*

The trails forum is going well and has adopted the name FWN Trails (Franklin, Waikato North Trails)

*Mayor Allan Sanson*

He hears our frustration and will bring someone to the meeting to address these frustrations and give us an overview

All aspects regarding water and waste water will now be contracted to a separate board. This will be in place by the 30<sup>th</sup> June and will mean large savings. These savings will not be reflected in a reduction of water rates but should protect us from large rises in the future.

## 5.6 Committee Reports

Community Patrol is active on Friday and Saturday nights  
Meet and Greet is going well

## 5.7 Next Meetings Agenda

This was covered in the Community Committee Schedule

## 5.8 General Business

### *Street lighting*

It is reported that street lighting in the Hitchen Block is once again out and needs to be investigated – This needs to be reported to the council hot line

Kowhai Downs subdivision confirm they do not want general street lighting

### *Council Rooding*

- It is felt that the new alignment of the corner of Munroe and Helenslee Road creates a safety issue. You almost need to stop to go around it
- With the opening of the Hitchen Bridge cars and more importantly trucks(using it as a short are using Mark Ball Drive and Hillpark Rd. There is a 40km/h sign at either end but this is not being obeyed. If this is observed this should be reported to the police. This is a policing issue and Mayor Sanson is to talk to the District Commander to get the traffic police to take an interest in the problem. It was suggested that we get the police back to a meeting
- The 40km/h signs have not yet gone up in Avon Rd
- It was asked about the possibility of a Give Way sign at the corner of Fraser Rd and Dean Rd. This is where the turn off to Kowhai Downs is and residents would like a light here

### *Supermarket*

The consent was lodged on 6<sup>th</sup> May – this will take 21 working days

### *School Issue* **IMPORTANT SAFETY ISSUES**

- The path from the road to the new block opposite the school goes nowhere. Is this going to be connected to the path at the point where the crossing is?
- A temporary 40km/h sign has not worked for months. When will this be fixed? Council work order is RDG02477/19
- We are wanting an update on the speed bylaw changes for Helenslee Rd as our 40km/h school zone can't be moved to its correct location until this is passed. This in turn is holding us up being able to use the Kea Crossing on Helenslee Rd

- Will there be a path put in on Helenslee Rd around the McRobbies to allow children to get home safely

#### *Tennis Club*

The renovations are going really well

#### *Mercer Boat Ramps*

Tata are looking at developing a substantial one – this will require consents

#### *Waterfalls*

Once more rubbish has been reported. It is unsure whether this has been vested in council and therefore whose responsibility it is

#### *Pokeno Hall*

A contract has been let for the painting and the committee are looking at building a lean-to for storage

#### *Health Charitable Trust*

They are holding a Black-tie Ball- tickets have gone on sale

#### *Appreciation*

It was asked that it be minuted the appreciation for the gardeners and the members of the community made to get the Cenotaph looking so good for Anzac Day

### **ACTION LIST**

Resolving the safety issues associated with children getting to and from school

Lighting in the Hitchen Block

Lighting and Give Way sign at the corner of Frazer and Dean Rd

Is the Waterfall Area vested in council?

There being no further business Helen declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 11 June at 7.00pm