



Pokeno Community Committee

Minutes of six weekly Pokeno Community Committee held at Pokeno Hall Monday 27 July 2020, commencing 7pm.

Committee Members Present: Ric Odom, Chair, Helen Clotworthy, Deputy Chair
Doug Rowe, Brenda Roberts, Kris Hines, Alan Grainger, Helen Johnson, Todd Miller

Guests in Attendance: Mark Davey, WDC, Andrew Bayley, MP,
Colin Botica, Dines, Darrien and Liam McGrath,
Mercer Community Committee, Mark Ball,
Geoff Purcell, Area Commander NZ Fire Service,
Clive Whitworth, Mercer Fire Brigade Chief.

Councillors in Attendance: Cr Jacqui Church, Cr Stephanie Henderson

1. Apologies and Leave of Absence:

Apologies were received from Lance Straker, James McRobbie, Peter Koizumi, Clive Morgan.

Moved that the apologies be accepted: Ric Odom

Seconded: Doug Rowe

Carried.

2. Confirmation of the Status of the Agenda

6.2a, Whangarata Hall

Moved: Ric Odom

Seconded Helen Clotworthy

Carried

3. Disclosure of Interest

There was no disclosure of interest.

4. Public Forum

Colin Botica from Dines Group, presented latest plans for the Hitchen Block and reported sales were buoyant, He was asked if there is a collaboration between developer groups and WDC to assist in an overall plan for Pokeno, as in Drury and Karaka, no was the short answer.



Andrew Bayley, MP, introduced himself as we are in the newly formed Port Waikato electorate.

Geoff Purcell and Clive Whitfield provided a presentation and update on the new Pokeno Fire Station currently being built and the role Mercer Fire Brigade provides.

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Meeting held on Monday 15 June via Zoom

Moved the minutes be accepted: Kris Hines

Seconded: Doug Rowe

Carried.

6. Reports

6.1 Works and Issues

Mark Davey presented Pokeno Works and Issues

Urban Upgrades Pokeno Main St, It was pointed out that the car park completion design (Wellington St West) of late September is too late to ensure this area is sealed 12 weeks prior to the opening of the Countdown supermarket, when the angle parking is removed.

Thank you to WDC for providing portaloos while our public toilets are being refurbished. This is proving to be a bigger job as demolition has progressed. We would like the Chair, Ric Odom and Secretary Helen Clotworthy to be notified with consent applications in Pokeno. We used to receive them. In discussions relating to recreation space, Council officers are asked to advise on the Council guidelines on the ratio of recreation space/land per capita and whether or not the current ration in Pokeno achieves the target?

6.2 LTP Update

Resolution 1.

That the WDC is requested to put into the next LTP, funding to Scope and Build a Skatepark in Pokeno.

Moved Alan Grainger

Seconded Kris Hines

Carried

Resolution 2.

That the WDC cost of scoping of the connectivity in Pokeno - walking, cycling and roading, North - South - West - and East including Pokeno Recreation with a view to include next LTP as identified in the Pokeno Town Centre Plan.

Moved Alan Grainger

Seconded Kris Hines



Carried

6.2a Whangarata Hall

Due to the late addition of the Whangarata Hall into the Agenda the committee was unable to reach a decision and further discussion is needed. To be added to the agenda of the next meeting as a discussion item.

6.3 Pokeno Community Schedule

Invite Jenni Wild from Waka Kotahi (NZTA) Senior Advisor Communications and Engagement.

6.4 Subcommittee Reports

6.4.1 Events

- Allen Grainger to organise a “Meet the Candidates” meeting in Pokeno.
- Counties Power had a successful Open Day to view their new substation.
- Yashilli’s “Open Day”, rescheduled for Sun 22 November 2020.

6.4.2 Facilities

- Kris presented ideas and plans for Pokeno Tennis and Recreation land which could be developed in the short term whilst Munro Block is being developed.

6.5 Street Naming

- Work is progressing.

6.6 Neighbouring Community Committee

- Mercer Community
- Liam and Darrien McGrath asked WDC to confirm who has ownership of the Mercer jetty.

6.7 Year to Date Service Report

Moved this report be accepted: Ric Odom

Seconded: Doug Rowe

6.8 Chairperson's Report

Innovating Street Proposals, our application was lodged.



6.9 Councillors Report

Cr Henderson advises Pokeno and Tuakau are included in Aucklands water restrictions. Local residents can place water tanks on their property as long as it meets the building code, no Resource Consent required.

6.10 Other Community Notices

A letter of thanks to Counties Power, Ric.

Ric Odom thanked everyone for their attendance, meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee is at 7.00pm on 7th September 2020.