



## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of the six-weekly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held at Pokeno Community Hall on Monday 30 November 2020 commencing at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present: Ric Odom (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Doug Rowe, Brenda Roberts, Kris Hines, Allen Grainger, Helen Johnson, Peter Koizumi

Guests in Attendance: Clive Morgan (WDC)

Councillors in Attendance: Cr Jacqui Church, Cr Stephanie Henderson

### **1. Apologies and Leave of Absence**

No apologies were received

### **2. Confirmation of the Status of the Agenda**

Moved: Kris Hines

Seconded: Doug Rowe

### **3. Disclosure of Interest**

No disclosures received

### **4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Meeting held Monday 19 October 2020 at Pokeno Community Hall.

Moved that the minutes be accepted: Ric Odom

Seconded: Kris Hines

### **5. Correspondence**

No correspondence presented

### **6. Public Forum**

No concerns or questions

### **7. Follow up Meeting Minutes Action Points**

- Follow up with Constable Kevin Smith and progress on ANPR Cameras and funding costs.
- Clive Morgan stated that it would be useful for something in writing for next year's deadline dates for road funding to WDC, which would need to be formalised and circulated to Councillors Church and Henderson.
- Plans for planting around Pokeno.

## 8. Pokeno Works and Issues

Clive Morgan gave an update. Fourteen items being followed and seven need confirmation of continued following. Clive mentioned that there were community stakeholder meetings this week.

### Item 2

#### What's happening with Sports Park and Skate Park?

#### **ACTION: Clive to follow up with lack of progress concerns about Parks around Pokeno**

- a. What's happening in regard to Trails and any joint venture discussions with funding from the Community.
- b. Is there suitable land and where is this land?

#### Totara Park

- c. Where is WDC at in regard to Totara Park?
- d. Where are discussions at with Dines, has park been vested yet?
  - Sculptures
  - Netting
  - BBQ update
  - Rubbish Bins
  - Level of Services
- e. Is there a contact person in WDC Service Delivery who manages Public Park Projects?
- f. What are future plans for Harriet Johnston Park?
- g. Has it been vested to WDC?

### Item 5

- a. South Auckland to Waikato Roding Program in progress which is linking in all parties in the region instead of localised planning. This allows information on transport issues across area boundaries for better connected results.
- b. Bus shelters? Unfortunately, only \$26,000 has been budgeted for entire Waikato District Council.

### Item 6

- a. Sports Park work at the Munro Sports Block and Recreation Complex at Avon Road ongoing.
- b. Pending work at Whangarata Cemetery being negotiated with the Munro Park Contractor.

**Item 7**

This item can be removed from list as Helen Clotworthy has an updated names list.

**Item 8**

Mercer Wharf can be removed from the lists.

**Item 9**

Agreed that with the work being currently carried out the Waterfall amenities at Kowhai Downs can come off the list.

**Item 10**

Pest issues still being addressed and updates are still required for the future.

**Item 11**

Dean Road Intersection. Councillor Church summarised how the work there was being resolved with stakeholder groups.

**Item 13**

- a. Great South Road discussions to be further investigated. Trucks crossing Road causing issues and WDC staff have attended (along with Allen Grainger) and are aware of issues. Safety of all users is a concern.
- b. All bus stops have been positioned and marked around the urban area. Where is the Bus Stop to be positioned on Great South Road outside Countdown?
- c. Helen Clotworthy opened the discussion about resealing carpark in Wellington Street, which was supposed to have been already completed, about a request for work to be carried at night and to set a date for completion to be taken back to WDC.

**Item 14**

- a. Brenda Roberts outlined her concerns around choke points and feeder roads into Pokeno during road works in February. Need wider scope on traffic management.
- b. Ric Odom talked about his concerns about Traffic Management decisions being made without local knowledge. All members agreed that decisions made around Countdown and Great South Road highlighted consequences when local knowledge is not taken into consideration. Theoretical models sometimes do not work in reality.

**Meeting Dates for 2021**

- 15 February
- 22 March
- 3 May
- 14 June
- 26 July
- 6 September
- 18 October
- 29 November

**General Discussions**

Follow up questions to Ross Bayer about maps and brochures of developments around Pokeno specifically Ford Street design and the Helenslee Road intersection. Public notification required and can possibly be done with handouts at the Xmas Parade.

Helen Clotworthy asked questions to Clive about water blasting footpaths around shops. This required a service request to WDC via contractor.

General discussion about refuse collection bags, size and weight and lack of clarity with differences between certain bags, sticker labels and information on the internet.

New stickers to be labelled with 15kg maximum weight.

Clive reported on the LTP update:

- First cut is 16 December.
- Hard decisions to be made after the Christmas break -18 January.
- Consultation March - Community Discussions.
- Adoption May.

General Discussion on the Great South Road toilet block and Tiny Library.

It has been established that the toilet block was to be demolished and replaced with a fit for purpose block. The Tiny Library was to be temporarily moved.

#### **Resolution 1**

**Request to WDC that it is a HIGH PRIORITY to replace the toilet block given the high volume of use.**

Moved: Kris Hines

Seconded: Helen Clotworthy

#### **Resolution 2**

**Request to WDC to reinstate the Tiny Library as a matter of priority, in a location, to be agreed in consultation with PCC**

Moved: Brenda Roberts

Seconded: Helen Johnson

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **Facilities**

Helen Johnson reported that their last meeting 2 November was productive with passionate views expressed. Discussions were had on governance models to form a Trust for funding applications. Feasibility studies also considered along with working with consultancy groups and Nick Johnson from WDC was very helpful.

Kris talked about the Avon Road project and ideas for supporting an open space model for family meetings with low costs. Engaging the community, rebranding and discussions on connectivity were also mentioned.

Trails strategy should also include the history of Pokeno. A project regarding QR coding to allow visitors and those interested to access historical information was discussed. Councillor Church mentioned that funds to support this project may be accessed through the WDC Heritage Committee.

## **Events**

Allen Grainger talked about the cancelled Yashili family day and the upcoming Christmas Parade.

This year Pokeno School is not available as the final destination for the Parade and the parade will end at Market area. The amended route of the parade will loop around several roads close to the Market Area and will avoid some of the traffic issues encountered previously.

Planting carried out with the help of The Pokeno Lions Club.

## **Communications**

Doug Rowe reported that Facebook mail not being used. Also, no communication in regard to Mercer or Tuakau-Onewhero.

## **Reports from Councillors Church and Henderson**

Both Councillors discussed Keeping of Animals Bylaw and the pending community consultation meetings. Changes are coming, especially around what happens in homes and in public and that it is important the community are involved in discussions.

Identification of what animals are allowed and the definition of rural and urban areas. What can or cannot be a lawful activity and where it can happen?

Submissions or feedback need to be into WDC by 5pm Monday 25 January 2021.

Check the Council Web Site for updates.

## **Other Business**

Doug Rowe let everyone know that the Community patrol will be active over Christmas. A special note to the Community to keep their houses locked and properties secured. Members of the Community should report any suspicious activities and keep their cars locked and secured or out of sight.

Doug also wished everyone a safe holiday.

## **Report from Chairman Ric Odom**

Ric summarised the year and thanked all committee members. Special mention to Allen Grainger who did outstanding work in the community significantly reducing the workload on the Chair and Deputy Chair of the PCC.

Ric also acknowledged the work of Helen Johnson and Kris Hines in the facilities space. Their combined effort has seen momentum building in progressing development of our sport and recreation facilities.

Special mention was given to Helen Clotworthy, as always, a staunch advocate for Pokeno and its residents.

Ric also thanked all Waikato District Council officers and singled out Clive Morgan, GM Community Growth, as a regular attendee of our meetings. Ric said that Clive works very hard and looks after the interest of not only our community but other Community Boards and Community Committees.

Ric also recognised the contributions of Councillors Jacqui Church and Stephanie Henderson and that we all appreciate the work they do as fierce advocates for Pokeno and the northern Waikato in general.

Finally, Ric on behalf of all his colleagues wanted to wish everyone and their families a very happy, safe and restful Christmas and New Year.

Meeting Closed at 8.50 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee is Monday 15 February 2021 at 7.00 p.m. at the Pokeno Community Hall.