

## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of the meeting of Pokeno Community Committee held on Tuesday 06 December 2022 at 7.00 pm at Pokeno Hall.

### **Present:**

Allen Grainger (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Ric Odom, Barry Birchall, Tricia Burns, Janet Baillie, Bronwyn Heath, Cecilia Heta

Councillor: Vern Reeve

Visitors: Clive Morgan (WDC), members of the public

### **Apologies**

Councillor Kandi Ngataki

Moved Janet Baillie

Seconded Cecilia Heta

### **Confirmation of Status of Agenda**

Moved Ginny Bullock,

Seconded Bronwyn heath

### **Confirmation of previous minutes 12 September 2022**

Moved: Ric Odom

Seconded Barry Birchall

### **Disclosures of interest**

The register of disclosures of interests is no longer included on agendas but PCC members still have a duty to disclose any interests under this item to the Chairman

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No items in the Public Forum

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

In:

Various emails from WDC forwarded by Secretary Ginny Bullock to all committee members.

Out: Nil

## **COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Cr Vern Reeve introduced himself as one of our new Councillors for the Tuakau-Pokeno area. He has been very busy since the election with induction programme, what councillors can and cannot do. He is not making any promises as it will take a while for the training to take place. He advised he is available for any issues PCC may have – his phone number is 0274541112.

### **WORKS AND ISSUES**

Clive Morgan requested that Works and Issues Agenda is taken as read

He advised that there have been major changes in the Roding department at WDC. EPMO (Enterprise Programme Management Office) has been set up to assist best practice for Project and Programme Management. There are over 1000 projects across the district which is a significant demand EPMO will make a significant difference to project management Capital projects will be looked at first with delivery of other projects later. Pokeno projects are included in the EPMO Programme Projects will be put on PCC website to keep public informed once information is available

Strategic property manager is collating, investigating and confirming the list of properties owned and managed by council district wide.

Clive also talked about the **Tennis Club**

There is a 14 week delay for materials so work is now due to commence mid/end January. Bronwyn Heath (Chair of Tennis Club committee) advised that fencing, netting, revamp of facilities, new deck around the club rooms are to be done.

Lights to be removed so courts can be re-laid. There is no finance available for the installation of new lights and Clive advised this is a LTP (Long Term Plan) matter which would require a submission to the LTP. It was mentioned that the lights will need to be LED to meet code

Bronwyn advised that names reinstatement on the bricks will not be easy owing to fact names appear to have been maybe lost, so therefore discussion maybe required with previous Tennis Club families who still live in Pokeno to find a solution, if necessary

An amount of time has been put in to trying to retrieve the Club history  
The old wall was unsafe and maybe in time be rebuilt

Pokeno School will be asked to paint a mural on outside of building, to replace one painted over.

Historical archives belonging to club will be held anytime by the Tennis Club Committee and will not be removed

It was discussed that maybe the Tennis Club should deal directly with the WDC in the future, in all areas of the re-build.

**Action: The Tennis Club should present a report to each PCC meeting where required**

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Strategy and Growth**

Ric Odom presented the report which is attached covering priorities for the Committee



Strategy Report for  
December 2022.docx

Clive Morgan congratulated Ric and his team on the report saying it is well presented and covers all the important issues for Pokeno

Report to be adopted

Moved Ric Odom

Seconded Helen Clotworthy

### **Finance**

Reports from Helen Clotworthy attached.



ASB Bank  
Statement 12 Septer



PCC Financial  
Report 12 Septembe

She advised that the Committee is to receive \$20700 from the Council in compensation for the removal of a protected oak tree dating back to 2015. After discussion it was decided that this amount should be placed in a separate account and is to be used for a specific Pokeno cause (to be decided unanimously by the full Committee but possibly a statue/carving at the entrance to Pokeno) and not “frittered away” in general expenses. Helen is going to investigate the trunk of a tree which is lying in a property in Razorback Road to see if that is the original tree which could be used for a carving.

Special proposal: The Committee undertakes that the \$20700 money from WDC for the oak tree is to be held separately for the purpose of a special Pokeno project

Reports moved by Ric Odom  
Seconded by Tricia Burns

## **Communications**

Helen Clotworthy advised that website went live in October 2022 as per attached report. She commented on the number of overseas hits. It takes quite a bit of work to keep the website upgraded and up to date



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Moved Helen Clotworthy  
Seconded Ginny Bullock

## **Events**

Allen Grainger advised the following events are in the pipeline:

**Fun run/walk/** 5 kms approximately. Sponsor to be advised. From Totara Park around walkways of Pokeno, return to Totara Park for Community Get-together confirmed for 22 January 2023  
Gold Coin donation

### **Pokeno Giant Pumpkin Growing competition**

Hopefully pumpkins are growing. Date TBA for judging

### **Pokeno Christmas Parade.**

Now approved 5.30 pm Friday 16 December 2022  
Assembly area Walter Rogers Road from 5.00 pm  
Entries/groups to Allen

**Suggested Pokeno Ice Cream Day.** February/March 2023

## **VARIATION 3 UPDATE**

Variation to the District Plan in September (3x3) was notified in September 2022.

There is joint strategic hearing together with Hamilton District Council and Waipa District Council and the full hearing will be in May/June 2023.

The independent panel is looking at 117 submissions covering adverse effects on infrastructure, traffic and if amendments are appropriate

Given, Council is not going to pursue further evidence to support the 800-meter catchment that has been proposed

Clive said that new submissions should be presented to the council. He was asked if the original submissions would be considered. The Committee was concerned that Pokeno's views will be lost under the weight of heavily resourced outsiders.

The Committee mentioned that the concerns of the Committee presented at the time regarding traffic problems for Gull and Countdown were ignored by council and now there are major problems with traffic on Great South Road as predicted by the Committee.

The Committee referred to the fact that new pumps were approved by council at the truck stop without any reference to the public and the Committee found out by accident when a member of the public advised us.

Vern Reeve said that the community might want change. He cited an example of shops in Tuakau being rebuilt with 2 stories of apartments above them to encourage people into the town centre

Council must work within the Resource Management Act The qualifying matters are well defined within the Act

Toilet replacement has gone out to public tender and updated programme for the delivered of the project is scheduled by end December 2022

### **Neighbouring Committees/Boards**

No communications from Tuakau or Mercer Boards

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ginny Bullock has asked council to trim trees on Avon Road overgrowing the verges right to the road side and that this is a hazard as the road is 80KMH and speed was not reduced in the last round of traffic changes. Order RDC02165/23

Barry Birchall brought up the issue of people dumping rubbish on the side of Pokeno's roads. Particularly large items such as KFC cartons etc. All roads within 200m of the motorway are the responsibility of Waka Kotahi and it is extremely difficult to get through to them.

**Action: Add to Works and Issues. WDC to confirm what their roadside rubbish level of service is**

It was suggested to Clive that WDC does a regular roadside rubbish collection on Pokeno's roads to live up to the Level of Service advised by the WDC. He cited difference at Tuakau between boundary with Auckland City Council and how clean their roads are. Clive to report back.

Cecilia asked Clive about Pokeno Road upgrade which was requested some time ago. There is no update at present. Clive to investigate.

**Action: Add to Works and Issues. What is the planned upgrade for Pokeno Road**

### **Street Cameras**

PCC has been advised to apply through council so maintenance will be council's responsibility

Clive advised 5 locations have applied through Better Off funding (operated by Department of Internal Affairs)

Previous Mayor Alan Sanson advised the Committee to not arrange CCTV cameras independent of council. Better Off Fund round decisions are expected shortly.

Vern advised Tuakau's cameras are monitored by Comstone

### **Community Patrol**

Tricia Burns advised that they have had a couple of success with the patrol looking at suspicious vehicles which have been reported to the police and then prevented crimes being committed.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

**Meeting dates for 2023 are below. 7.00 pm at the Hall**

- Monday, 13 February 2023
- Monday, 27 March 2023
- Monday, 8 May 2023
- Monday, 19 June 2023
- Monday, 31 July 2023
- Monday, 11 September
- Tuesday, 24 October
- Monday, 4 December.