

## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of the meeting of Pokeno Community Committee held on Monday 11 September at 7.00 pm at Pokeno Hall.

### **Present:**

Allen Grainger (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Barry Birchall, Bronwyn Heath, Tricia Burns, Ric Odom  
Councillor: Vern Reeve

Visitors: Clive Morgan (WDC), Doug Rowe (Community Patrol)

Guests: Phil King (WRC), Andy Lighttower (Beca)

9 members of the public

### **Apologies**

Janet Baillie, Cr Kandi Ngataki

Moved Bronwyn Heath

Seconded Barry Birchall

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

Moved Ric Odom

Seconded Ginny Bullock

### **Confirmation of previous minutes 19 June 2023**

Moved Ginny Bullock

Seconded Bronwyn Heath

### **Notice of motion to amend minutes of Pokeno Community Committee 31 July 2023**

Minutes state that the upcoming election for the Pokeno Community Committee will be held on 4 December 2023

Amendment to the upcoming elections for PCC be changed and the new date is to be 13 February 2024

This would be for a two year term which would bring PCC into line with other community boards and committees in the Waikato District Council, whose elections would be at the same time in 2026.

Moved Ginny Bullock

Seconded Helen Clotworthy

### **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 for discussion under public forum

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Out: Nil

### **REPORTS**

**Upper Northern Waikato Station Indicative Business Case**, presented by Andy Lighttower and Phil King

Clive Morgan advised before hearing about the business case that funding needs to be sourced for LTP 2024 and is not guaranteed at this stage

Phil spoke about Te Huia – expectation of 100000 passengers in 2023. A big increase in passengers travelling to Auckland

4 services Monday to Friday and 2 services on Saturday and Sunday in conjunction with bus services to Papakura

Andy said that the preferred option is Tuakau with a detailed business case for Pokeno in next 2-3 years. Stations on either side of the rail tracks. Cost for Pokeno requires overbridge between stations. Not required for Tuakau or Te Kauwhata as stations are close to railway road crossings.

They advised that we cannot rely on electrification of lines south of Pukekohe. Kiwirail has a business plan in place for electrification all the way to Hamilton Te Huia has end of life late 2020's and it will be required to look at new rolling stock which may be either full electric or battery

Source for populations is Waikato University on behalf of WDC

Regarding funding, Waikato District Council, Waikato Regional Council and Waka Kotahi involved in LTP 2024. Subregional strategic planning – Futureproof

## **Councillor's report**

He has spent 22 days in council in the last month in workshops including Rail Strategy and said it is quite possible that stations at both Tuakau and Pokeno will be built. He mentioned that some of the rail link to Hamilton is single lane and will need to be upgraded to 2 tracks in the future  
Also discussed LTP for council property, freedom camping etc

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Strategy and Growth**

Ric Odom advised that PCC is an interested party in the various appeals to the Waikato District Plan for Pokeno. He said that provided the stipulations the PCC has put in place, it will probably withdraw from the appeals.

### **Finance**



PCC Financial  
Report 1 August 202

Moved Helen Clotworthy  
Seconded Ric Odom

### **Facilities**

Nothing new this meeting. Pokeno Sport Park is delayed due to weather so hopefully earthworks will be completed by Christmas so car park can be built. It seems that the roundabout on Pokeno/Great South Roads will be built at the same time as the main road upgrade which will slow truck movements

### **Communications**

We are busy preparing for our Pokeno "Celebrating our Community" scheduled for Sunday 01 October

Posters for displaying around Pokeno have been created, a Facebook campaign as started and an A5 flyer created for a letterbox drop

We are excited to show our Pokeno community the proposed infrastructure, funding, social development and introduce our Mayor Jacqui, councillors Vern and Kandi and our PCC members

Moved Helen Clotworthy  
Seconded Barry Birchall

## Events

**“Meet the Candidates”** for Port Waikato and Hauraki/Waikato on 26 September at Pokeno Hall at 7.00 pm.

Following candidates have agreed to attend

Andrew Bayly	National
Gwendoline Keel	Labour
Scotty Bright	Democracy
Kim Turner	NZ Loyal
Vijay Sudhamalla	Vision
Casey Costello	NZ First
Neil Christensen	ACT

**Christmas Parade** is scheduled for 08 December. However this date may have to change, depending on the road works for the Main Road improvement/upgrade. It will cost around \$5000 for traffic management

**Pokeno Day 01 October** targeting youth in Pokeno. Will have plans of skate parks in Meremere and Tuakau and will be asking local youth which option, if any, they prefer and any changes they might like to see. Site is Pokeno Sport Park

Bronwyn has organized flyers to be printed and distributed around Pokeno

## NEIGHBOURING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

## KEY WORKS PROGRAMMES

### Works and Issues

Go to WDC website to see all planned Works and Issues in the Pokeno area

### Wellington Street

Now completed. However sealing to laneway behind shops has not been done as the laneway is privately owned

### **Pokeno Sports Park**

Earthworks have been delayed again due to weather, but hopefully all works, including carpark, will be completed by the end of December. There are no play areas for older children apart from Mark Ball Drive and Harriet Johnson Drive which are geared to small children so this needs to be completed as soon as possible

Joel McKinley was asked about easement/right of way from Helenslee Road to the sports park. He is waiting for WDC to contact him so will follow up

### **New Toilet Block**

WDC now has a contractor and works should be completed by 31 December 2023. There are 5 toilet blocks around the district which are to be upgraded

### **Main Street upgrade**

This is due to commence in November 2023. Summer construction will include pedestrian crossing with traffic light

Roundabout at Great South Road and Pokeno Road will be built at the same time. This will substantially reduce speeds coming into the main street and around the Gull service centre

### **Speed limits**

These are being reviewed as there are anomalies around the town which need to be sorted out

### **Marae site**

This is to be reviewed. Preferred site is Pokeno Domain and the Dogpark in Avon Road. However this has to be decided as there is very little spare land owned by the council in Pokeno

**New School site** has to be determined as Pokeno School is now at capacity.

## **COMMUNITY PATROL**

Doug Rowe advised that they had their AGM on 27 August and now have a new administrator. They now have 40 patrollers but are still looking for new members.

He also advised that a fake \$50 was passed at the Pokeno Dairy today and it looks almost identical to a real one so be aware

He told the Committee that Adam Baillie (son of committee member Janet) won a gold medal at the Deaf Games in the UK and suggested that an achievement award be given to him

He also offered thanks for the nomination for himself and Marion for the Mayor's award

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Pokeno Hall**

Hall committee had their AGM recently and now have 1 new member.

Helen advised that it will cost about \$300000 to replace the roof which is not viable so new spouting will be put on the roof which will mitigate the overspill causing the flooding. The ceiling in the supper room will be replaced with new insulation installed

3 new urinals have been installed in the Men's which will reduce the water use.

As there was no further business. Meeting closed at 8.40 pm. Next meeting as follows

Tuesday, 24 October

Monday, 4 December

Monday 13 February 2024 AGM and election of new officers