

## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of the meeting of Pokeno Community Committee held on Monday 31 July 2023 at 7.00 pm at Pokeno Hall.

### **Present:**

Allen Grainger (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Barry Birchall, Bronwyn Heath, Cecilia Heta, Tricia Burns, Ric Odom  
Councillor: Kandi Ngataki

Visitors: Clive Morgan (WDC)

Guests: Peter Moy and Matthew Dean

19 members of the public

### **Apologies**

Janet Baillie, Cr Vern Reeve, Haupai Montgomery

Moved Helen Clotworthy

Seconded Ric Odom

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

Moved Helen Clotworthy

Seconded Ginny Bullock

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

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**

### **Queen's Redoubt**

Peter Moy and Matthew Dean gave a very interesting presentation about the history of Queen's Redoubt in Pokeno

Open every Sunday and other days by appointment

They are looking for more volunteers – contact Peter Moy (0273933326).

## **Proposed Gardening Club**

Jane Crosbie spoke regarding a gardening club in a safe environment. She lives in a rural area of Pokeno and has offered to use a small part of her land for a Garden Club. However there is no water so she would like to organise fundraising for tanks and pipes to the area. She has over 100 people interested in learning about gardens and raising their own food. She was advised that she could apply to WDC Community Budget for funding. "People strengthen their community"

Magda van Rooyen asked about signage at the end of her street advising about security cameras in the area. She was advised that she would need consent from WDC if she wanted to put a sign on council land

Delwyn Greaves has concerns regarding covenants now that the Pokeno Village base has closed. She was advised to contact Dines representative (Colin Botica) if she has any issues.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

In:

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

Out: Nil

## **REPORTS**

### **Councillors' reports**

Cr Kandi Ngataki advised about a "Come and have a Chat Day" at CBD Pokeno 11-12 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August. These events will also be taking place that day at Tuakau and Mercer

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Strategy and Growth**

Ric Odom advised re Counties Energy has a Project Management and Planning fund. Deadline missed for 2023 but will definitely be applying for 2024 funding, particularly for the Sports Park

### **Finance**

Helen's report is attached



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Moved Helen Clotworthy  
Seconded Ric Odom

### **Communications**

Adding content continues on Website and signage is being arranged at the entries to Pokeno.

## **Events**

“Meet the Candidates” for Port Waikato and Hauraki/Waikato on 27 September at Pokeno Hall at 7.00 pm.

**Promote Pokeno** on Sunday 01 October 11.00 am to 2.00 pm which will publicise the following

Meet your Community Committee

Meet your local WDC councillors

Promote new members standing for the Pokeno Community Committee at the upcoming Elections on Monday 04 December at 7.00 pm

Present all upcoming and completed projects in Pokeno

Upgraded roadage/other improvements Pokeno Road, Helenslee Road, School area, Munro Road

Main street upgrade

New toilet block

Pokeno Sports Park (we will have had the initial Facilities Committee meeting so can add this in)

Blueprint future plan

Dog Park

Pokeno Tennis and Recreation Hub

Proposed marae

Proposed medical centre

Update on proposed Railway and Transport Hub

Update on proposed bus service Pokeno to Papakura

Tata development

Hynds sculpture park

Proposed roundabout Pokeno/Great South Roads

Ridge Road Leisure Park

Community Patrol

Civil Defence Plan

Proposed use of 10 Market Street

Pokeno Realm plan

## **Tennis Club**

Bronwyn Heath advised that club is having a “meet the coaches” event on 5 August for basketball and 6 August for Tennis

## **Future Pokeno Strategy**

10 items under discussions to be included on 01 October

## **Mayor's Community Awards**

Nominations close 11 August. Nomination forms on the WDC website

## **NEIGHBOURING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **KEY WORKS PROGRAMMES**

### **Works and Issues**

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

### **WDC report**

#### **Community Hub 10 Market Street**

WDC looking for community and business input to see how this should be developed.

#### **Wellington Street**

Now completed. However sealing to laneway behind shops has not been done. Clive to report back to PCC

#### **Pokeno Sports Park**

Earthworks have been delayed again due to weather, but hopefully all works, including carpark, will be completed as soon as possible.

#### **New Toilet Block**

There were no responses to the Request for Tender. WDC now has a new contractor and works should be completed by 31 December 2023

Clive advised very few contractors are available to take on new projects and they can "pick and choose"

### **Main Street upgrade**

Option 3 from the developers has been agreed. Criteria put in place and sent to WDC. Summer construction will include pedestrian crossing. WDC to contact local businesses who will be severely affected by the road works. Clive advised that costs will be increased substantially if night work is done to reduce construction time

Unfortunately Z has not agreed to any changes, so the upgrade will not include the area of GSR in front of the truck stop

Roundabout at Great South Road and Pokeno Road detailed design is underway

### **Railway Station**

Decision on preferred site for new railway station (Te Kauwhata, Pokeno, Tuakau) due on 03 August. There will be an online announcement at 6.30 pm. Link sent to members 01 August

### **Community Patrol**

Doug Rowe advised that some cars have been broken into and used for thefts in the Pokeno area. Alcohol stolen in Pokeno. Car used in this raid was stopped north of Hamilton and occupants arrested.

Increased patrols in the Avon Road area and Bronwyn expressed her thanks to police and community patrol for this as the carparks at the Dog Park and Tennis Club have been used for suspected drug dealing.

Doug advised to make sure that vehicles are adequately protected. A wheel lock or steering lock are cheaper than replacing a stolen car.

AGM is 27 August at 7.00 pm at Pokeno Hall at 2.00 pm.

They are looking for new members

During the PCC meeting an armed robbery took place across the road at the liquor store with police in attendance!

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Gorse maintenance area reconfirmed by Ginny and request sent to WDC 01 August

As there was no further business. Meeting closed at 8.30 pm. Next meeting as follows

- Monday, 11 September
- Tuesday, 24 October
- Monday, 4 December AGM and election of committee members