

## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of meeting of Pokeno Community Committee held at Pokeno Hall on Monday 23 September 2024

### **Present**

Allen Grainger (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Bronwyn Heath, Cecilia Heta, Ian Leader

Councillors: Vern Reeve, Kandi Ngataki

Visitors: Will Gauntlett (WDC), Tami Theys (WDC), Jan Sedgewick (Te Kauwhata CC.), Tim Hinton (Te Kauwhata CC), Jenni Wild (NZTA/Waka Kotahi), members of the public

### **Apologies**

Mayor Jacqui Church, Janet Baillie, Mike Holroyd

Moved Kandi Ngataki

Seconded Ginny Bullock

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

Moved Allen Grainger

Seconded Ian Leader

### **Confirmation of previous minutes 12 August 2024**

Moved Kandi Ngataki

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**

Jenni Wild gave a presentation on overview of work so far and in the future of SH1 from Papakura to Drury. Disruptions are expected as work will take up to 5 years to update and widen the on/off ramps at Drury.

Remarks were discussed on safety of wire barriers in view of the recent fatal crash regarding a heavy truck.

Final surface (40mm) asphalt will be laid week beginning 04 October and will hopefully only take 2 days subject to weather.

Ginny Bullock asked about rephasing lights at corner of Beach Road and Chichester Drive to reduce gridlock from SH1 and Karaka during school hours. Jenni to look into this

Bombay lights are being installed, should take about 6 months and there will be some disruption. Question from member of public about unclear signage. Jenni to look into this

Question from member of the public regarding SH1/SH2 traffic overtaking in a dangerous manner due to lack of safe areas for traffic turning right.

Any responses will be sent to Allen Grainger to be put on the website.

Question raised by member of the public regarding inappropriate, divisive and abusive postings on Facebook about the proposed marae in Avon Road. They were advised by Tim Hinton from TKCC that they should report such postings to the Facebook administrator and they will be removed.

Allen Grainger advised that PCC is not involved with the marae discussions.

WDC organised submissions on rezoning of the Domain which closed tonight at 5.00 pm.

Hauptai Montgomery spoke regarding result of submissions and that if the result was negative, they would look at alternative options and there would be no divisions.

Bronwyn raised the issue of lack of green spaces for public use in Pokeno, the Avon Road Domain and Pokeno Sports park in Munro Road being the only ones and having the marae in Avon Road will reduce this by 50%.

Consenting issues and road upgrades have not been assessed at this stage. If council supports leasing land for the marae any services and road upgrades will need to be considered as part of the consenting process.

There are no plans for any public funding for this project

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Out: Nil

A discussion took place regarding the closure of Great South Road next week to enable night work at the new roundabout. Local residents have been advised of diversions by a letter box drop. A request was made to add details to WDC and PCC websites with map of suggested diversions.

A request was made to have residents advised by email from WDC of ongoing issues in Pokeno as council has email addresses already for rates demands etc. Legislation does not allow the email addresses to be used for arbitrary messages

## **REPORTS**

### **Councillor's report from Kandi Ngataki**



Councillor Report  
PCC September 2024

### **WDC "Our Plan" report from Will Gauntlett**



Our Plan as a  
whole.pdf

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Strategy and Growth / Pokeno Realm**

Ginny Bullock reported that as she has been away from PCC since early August she has nothing to report

Allen advised grand opening of roundabout and main street will happen at the beginning of November. Date to be confirmed.

## **Treasurer's report**

[PCC Financial Report 13 August 2024 -23 September 2024](#)

Moved Helen Clotworthy  
Seconded Ginny Bullock

## **Communications**

Website is being updated.

## **Events**

### **Christmas Parade**

6 December on Gateway Park Drive.

WDC advise this is the last year for funding from WDC towards traffic management etc so PCC will have to do ongoing fundraising for next year

### **Diwali**

2 celebrations to be held in the Hall

28 September

12 October

Tuakau Business Association advised following events

Coffee with a Cop date to be confirmed in Tuakau, subject to confirmation

Safer Plates when car number plates are secured against theft will also be held at Tuakau and possibly Pokeno at a date and time to be confirmed

## **Facilities**

**Skatepark.** Fundraising needed to complete the project. A consultant has been asked to present some options, but this report has not been received to date. However it is difficult to plan due to flooding and there is no facility for sewage, waste water etc. Council to advise master plan/flood plan before skatepark can be planned. Money is available once site is finalized.

**Munro Road widening** has been delayed due to flooding and there is an electric cable under the road which is delaying update.

**Community Hub** in Market Street design stage is being completed. Half the money will be available in 24/25 and half in 25/26. Project Manager is being procured at the moment.

**Pokeno Road** side lane for residents on Pokeno Road has issues with people driving dangerously down there to avoid the lights at Hitchen Road. It is currently closed by road cones for the roundabout construction. A request for Residents Only sign. Suggestion to put speed bumps is not viable as cost is \$50000 per speed bump

**Toilets** are now operational. **Little library** is being added at the road end of the toilets and needs painting, shelving, etc and when complete, the library at the hall will be moved. Council is responsible for structure, and necessary upkeep or maintenance is the responsibility of PCC. Park is to be regrassed after vandals drove through there and wrecked the surface

## **NEIGHBOURING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **KEY WORKS PROGRAMMES**

### **Whangarata Cemetery**

Covered in Councillor Ngataki's report

### **Security Cameras**

No further information on cameras. As per last meeting, Will said to use the "squeaky door" to keep reminding council regarding the cameras

### **Resealing Great South Road between Wellington Street and McDonald Street**

Potholes are becoming a menace and a request has been made to reseal this stretch of the road. WDC advise forward works programme has not yet been confirmed, but funding might be an issue. A suggestion that a Government Subsidy for Potholes could be applied for.

**Safety concerns on Pokeno Road for pedestrians using road bridge near Pokeno School.** Check availability of creating a back entrance to the school from Pokeno Road to allow children access to the school safely.

More housing is being built along Pokeno Road and thus more children are walking along Pokeno Road between Lakeside development and the school where there are no footpaths. Traffic ignores speed limit. Meeting advised

that a new bridge is required which is in the Long Term Plan but is not budgeted for in the short term.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Recycling workshop** with WDC on council website. Public encouraged to visit the council website. It has been updated and is easy to find information.

### **Police and Community Patrol**

Constable Lorraine has been absent for about 8 months but hopes to be back soon to report to PCC at their meetings

Community Patrol has a new manager who is working closely with Marion to get the Patrol going again.

**Business Connect** to connect local businesses with PCC. Meeting at the Hall 6.30 pm at the Hall

Meeting closed at 8.46 pm

## **MEETING DATES 2024**

Monday 04 November

Monday 16 December