

.POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting of Pokeno Community Committee held at 7.00 pm at Pokeno Hall on Monday 25 August 2025

Present

Allen Grainger (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Janet Baillie, Jay Singh

Mayor: Jacqui Church

Councillors: Vern Reeve, Kandi Ngataki

Visitors: Will Gauntlett (WDC), Liz Saunders WDC, Attinder Singh WDC. Tami Theys WDC, various members of the public

Apologies

Dhanak Humayan

Allen Grainger welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that there would be a presentation by Will Gauntlett regarding the Pokeno Community Committee Vision Plan 2024-2026.

Allen gave an apology to Rob Chester for any matters that may have been wrongly communicated which was received with acknowledgement

Moved Janet Baillie

Seconded Kandi Ngataki

A letter and motion was received from the floor from a member of the public pointing out that the entire PCC should resign due to not reporting true facts of meetings.

A vote was called. 4 for the motion, balance of the public against, motion denied

Confirmation of Status of Agenda

Moved Ginny Bullock

Seconded Janet Baillie

Confirmation of previous minutes 03 June 2025

Moved Ginny Bullock

Seconded Kandi Ngataki

Confirmation of previous minutes 14 July 2025

Ginny Bullock advised a correction. She said 12000 hits on website last month. This was incorrect. Figure is total amount of hits not per month

Moved Ginny Bullock

Seconded Allen Grainger

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

Roading

A presentation was made by Attinder Singh from WDC regarding the recent proliferation of large potholes in the main street. The meeting was advised that after inspection, potholes were filled in within 2 weeks of the last PCC meeting.

New top "coating" will be completed by Christmas, subject to weather conditions

Ginny Bullock raised the question of the state of the roundabout at the southbound off ramp from SH1. NZTA only maintains roads, etc to the Give Way sign. Attinder to look into the maintenance of both on/off ramps

Allen asked if a plan of all roads in the Pokeno area can be produced with who is responsible for what, particularly on/off ramp areas on SH1

Pokeno Hall Levy

A question was raised regarding the \$25 levy on Pokeno rates for the hall. This was mistaken for a levy for the new hub/library. This is incorrect. The levy is for upkeep of the existing Pokeno Hall. Elaine Rodrigues said that there is black mould in the hall. After the meeting Helen and Ginny inspected the hall with Elaine. No mould in the toilets, but there is a little patch on the ceiling of the small meeting room which will be addressed.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Letter received from Elaine Rodrigues

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

From Kandi Ngataki

Again another semi busy month from 14th July to 25th August

Workshops –

1. Code of Conduct
2. Policy & Bylaws Engagement Process
3. Information Session Strategic Boundaries

Hearings / Deliberations – (like to note that we had a lot of submissions from our Pookeno community)

1. Alcohol Control By-law
2. Neighbourhood Park and Sports Park Reserve Management Plan

Council Hui –

1. Infrastructure Committee
2. District Plan Sub Committee
3. Policy & Regulatory Committee
4. Sustainability & Wellbeing Committee
5. Council Hui

Other –

1. Candidate Information session online
2. Review Draft Submission CDEM
3. Poowhiri / Welcome IAWAI Flowing Waters CCO Establishment Board
4. Pookeno Community Hub Hui
5. Citizenship Ceremony x 2 (another 15 Pookeno citizens sworn in)
6. Pookeno Vision Document Hui

Finally we are in campaign mode now for the next couple of months and well wishes to all those who are standing.

REPORTS

Draft Community Committee Implementation Plan

Will Gauntlett started to discuss the plan. He wanted the public to move around the room and look at the various plans and put stickers/post-it notes on their preferred plan.

Dominique Thurlow filled in details.

However some of the very vociferous public wanted the plan put on various social media outlets first so they could read the plan and make a decision

Presentation was postponed

Sports Park

Master Plan was distributed showing plans of skatepark, destination playground and boardwalk around the park.

Allen Grainger advised that Helen Clotworthy is the major driver behind the development of the Sport Park and has been from the beginning

This will likely be at least a 10 year plan.

Phase 1: preparation

Phase 2: Complete Masterplan for different areas for different activities

Phase 3: Final installation.

Meanwhile fundraising will be in place from now on towards an all-purpose building for all sports including toilets.

A discussion occurred regarding funding. The meeting was advised that funding was already in place for skatepark, destination playground and boardwalk and had been for some time, together with the final laying of topsoil and grass to create 2 multi-purpose playing fields.

The meeting was advised about flooding in the whole area and how new drains have been created already to mitigate this. It is still wet but this will be much improved once new topsoil and grass is laid

Mayor Jacqui spoke to the meeting regarding funding and the current difficulties surrounding waste water issues

Emergency Response

After a request from Linda Spicer, an assurance was given that the \$3000 WDC grant will be accounted for in the main account under a separate subheading exactly the same as other income, ie Christmas Parade

NEIGHBOURING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

KEY WORKS PROGRAMMES - Will Gauntlett

Capital Works Programme

Details can be found on the WDC website including LTP consultations

Antenno app use is encouraged for council business

Security Cameras

No date for installation yet.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm

MEETING DATES 2025

Monday 06 October

Monday 10 November