

POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the monthly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held in the Pokeno Hall, Pokeno on 12 September 2017, commencing at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present: Helen Clotworthy, Ric Odom, Janet McRobbie, Morris Roberts, Todd Miller,

Guests In Attendance: Sue O’Gorman (Waikato District Council)
Suzie Marinkovich (Waikato Regional Council)
Janette Underwood (Consultant Engineer, Waikato Regional Council)

Councilors In Attendance: Cr J Church
Cr S Henderson

Community Members Community members were present

Attending

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Tricia Graham, Kris Hines, Paul Heta, Wayne Rodgers, Lance Straker and Charles Hackett

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Janet McRobbie

Carried

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE STATUS OF THE AGENDA

The agenda as notified was confirmed.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Todd Miller

Carried

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Janet McRobbie

Carried

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

6. UPDATE ON THE NORTH WAIKATO PUBLIC TRANSPORT REVIEW

Suzie Marinkovich from the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) Public Transport Operations Team provided an update on the Review, focusing on the bus aspects rather than rail. WRC has agreed that improving public transport for the area – especially bus transport – is a priority.

Suzie encouraged the Pokeno community to make submissions on the options identified in the review and in response to questions indicated that WRC will work with WDC staff to estimate the potential effect on rates of the various options. Helen advised that the Committee would generate a post on the Pokeno Facebook page with a link to the website that contains the Review and it may also be possible to run a Facebook poll indicating which options are preferred. Suzie agreed to send Helen relevant information and links that can be posted on Facebook.

THAT the report from the General Manager Service Delivery be received.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Todd Miller

Carried

7. PROPOSED 2017 AMENDMENTS TO THE WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL SPEED LIMITS BYLAW 2011

Janette Underwood spoke to the proposed amendments to the speed bylaw focusing in particular on what those changes may mean for the Pokeno area. Janette urged Pokeno residents to make submissions on the proposal and this could easily be done via the “Have Your Say” section of the WDC website. Submissions are open from 13 September to 13 October. The Committee will post an appropriate article on the Pokeno Facebook page, with a link to the WDC website.

THAT the report from the General Manager Service Delivery be received.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Morris Roberts

Carried

8. LONG TERM PLAN STATE OF PLAY

Sue O’Gorman provided an update and pointed out that there will be significant affordability challenges: noting that the WDC area is only about 10% smaller than that of Auckland but has a ratepayer base of only 65,000. There was considerable discussion and Cr Church offered to send some information on the information the Tamihere community Committee provided to WDC in order to access some WDC funds. This may be useful to inform the Pokeno Community Committee.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Todd Miller

Carried

9. FEEDBACK ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK OPEN DAY

Helen provided feedback from the open day held on Sunday 10 September. There were about 30 who visited the park and recorded their views at the site and there have been a number of comments on Facebook. It was acknowledged that the team from Dines – Colin and Lisa – did a very good job in

putting the material together and answering questions on the day. Colin will probably provide detailed feedback.

10. POKENO WORKS AND ISSUES

Sue O’Gorman spoke to the Works and Issues agenda item and acknowledged that some key information such as time lines is missing. WDC staff are working on adding more information – providing more depth to the reporting. Sue also noted that some definitive answers on the future of the proposed sports ground need to be developed. Cr Church also asked for more information on the proposed new cemetery in the area be provided. There was concern expressed that the funding to improve the footpaths on Helenslee Road had still not been approved. This is an issue that Pokeno residents feel strongly about, regarding it as a health and safety issue. There was a sense that some issues may have been omitted from the papers.

THAT the report from the General Manager Strategy & Support be received.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Ric Odom

Carried

11. COMMUNITY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Cr Church suggested that WDC staff might be able to apply (or draft a paper for) the Pokeno Community Committee to receive a small grant for Committee activities. A recently approved application from the Tamihere Community Committee was cited as an example.

It was agreed to move the presentation from the Pokeno Land Consortium from the December meeting to the November meeting.

The idea of a community parade – such as a Christmas Parade was raised by a member of the public and while there was no objection to the idea, it was noted that organizing such events takes considerable time and effort. There was discussion on a similar event being organized for a time other than Christmas if suitable organizer can be found. It was agreed to consider this at a future meeting.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cr Church provided a brief overview on a range of topics including:

- Council approved FPP as the voting system to be adopted for the next election noting this could be challenged if sufficient ratepayers objected.
- Council is considering a bylaw targeting ‘boy racers’.
- Council signed off the playground strategy.
- Plans for Civil Defence in Tuakau will be discussed on 3 October and may be of interest to Pokeno.
- Tuakau will be having a clean-up day on 24 September as part of ‘Keep New Zealand Beautiful’ Week.

In 2014 Dines was fined \$19,000 for cutting down a historic tree in Hitchen Rd Pokeno. A question was raised as to where this money resides. This money ought to be spent on a Pokeno Community project.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

No changes.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Pokeno Community Patrol AGM is at 1.00pm 26th September at the Pokeno Hall.

Rev Andrew Beyer spoke to the Community Cup of Tea (Meet and Greet) meetings occurring at the Pokeno Hall on Thursdays. There is no cost for those attending with a number making voluntary contributions to cover costs. There are usually approximately 15 people attending and there has been very good feedback. The group will host a Christmas Party and are considering initiating a similar event specifically for young mothers (and dads) and their babies.

The Anglican church will again be having carol singing this Christmas.

Janet McRobbie provided an update from the Queens Redoubt AGM which attracted a good turnout. The Queens Redoubt trustees are wanting to open the Redoubt on Sundays to coincide with the Pokeno Market and are looking for volunteers to assist.

CLOSURE

Helen Clotworthy thanked the visitors for their attendance and contribution. There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm.

The next meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee will be held on Tuesday 10 October 2017 at 7.00pm in the Pokeno Hall