

POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES of the monthly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held in the Pokeno Hall, Pokeno, on 10 April 2018, commencing at 7.05pm.

Committee Members Present: Helen Clotworthy, Doug Rowe, Kris Hines, Ric Odom Charles Hackett, Trish Graham, Janet McRobbie, Todd Miller

WDC Staff in Attendance: Sue O’Gorman

Councillors in Attendance: None

Community Members Attending: Community members attended.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Apologies received from Cr Jacqui Church, Cr Stephanie Henderson, Wayne Rodgers, Lance Straker, Sue Willoughby (public)

Moved that apologies be accepted: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Kris Hines

2. **CONFIRMATION OF THE STATUS OF THE AGENDA**

This was confirmed with the exception of Agenda Item 6 and the presenter was unavailable

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Doug Rowe

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There was no disclosure if interest.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Charles Hackett

5. **NORTH WAIKATO SPORT & RECREATION STRATEGY**

Gavin Donald of GMG Consulting. Spoke to North Waikato Sport & Recreation Strategy. Also attending was Jason Marconi (District Coordinator Sports Waikato based in Tuakau).

Gavin advised that he has some questions relating to consulting in the area. He will send a questionnaire to the committee secretary for further local distribution. Gavin is especially keen to engage with those local or groups who should be consulted. He spoke to the process which is based on completing a needs analysis, determining what is currently available, what is needed and rationalising council owned land and assets.

It was noted that this will increase time it takes to determine the Sport & Recreation facilities in Pokeno. Helen expressed serious concern at this delay, stating that it felt we were making no progress and in fact seem to be going backwards.

Gavin stated that he is connecting with youth via the school principals who have been engaging well but the committee expressed concern that the young people of Pokeno are not being directly engaged.

There was a question from the floor about Totara Park.

Sue apologised on behalf of Council for the time this is taking and said Council felt it important that a District wide approach is taken with wide consultation. In response, committee members stated

that considerable local consultation has already been undertaken and that the information has been given to council but nothing appears to have been done. The committee has done significant work and was given some assurances but there appears to have been no progress. Pokeno still has no facilities, there are outstanding works issues etc. Ratepayers are becoming very frustrated at the lack of action. Sue acknowledged the lack of progress but gave an assurance that she would follow up on action to be taken and that this ought to be addressed better with the appointment of a new General Manager in Council.

Jason introduced himself and mentioned that it is up to individuals or groups to establish clubs or activities not Sport Waikato which could provide support. He also offered to host a meeting of those interested once he has settled in to his role.

In closing, Gavin reiterated the importance of providing strong feedback.

6. FUNDING FOR YOUTH FACILITIES IN POKENO

This item was deferred.

7. POKENO MEDICAL CENTRE AND PHARMACY

Manisha, the Pokeno Pharmacy Manager provided an update on the Medical Centre. The Pharmacy is open 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday and able to dispense full range. It also offers free blood pressure checks.

Ash, the Business Manager, talked about the Medical Centre. There is a package for the community to improve engagement. With proof of address, residents of Pokeno will be given a free flu vaccine. There is also a business package available for the flu vaccine and a business package for staff consults, pre-employment checks etc. Staff are also keen to engage with other community organisations.

There was some discussion including suggestions from those present that having the pharmacy and surgery open at least one late night per week or open on a Saturday would better meet the needs of Pokeno residents. This was understood but it was explained that to a degree, the Medical Centre is governed by its contract with Counties Manukau DHB.

Todd advised that he is leading Pokeno Civil Defence plan and would like to meet with them to discuss.

8. LTP UPDATE

Sue provided an update on the LTP process, reminded those present that feedback is required by 16th April and strongly encouraged the Committee and public to provide feedback. In response to a question, Sue gave an overview of the key points from the Tuakau consultation meeting. Essentially, while no-one is happy with rates increases, they just want the basics done. In relation to the Waikato Regional Council LTP, residents should consider putting in a submission on the transport plan. Additionally, Sue highlighted that as part of their facilities plan, Waikato Regional Council want all ratepayers in Waikato to contribute to building a new theatre in Hamilton. WDC submitted that it would not be appropriate for Tuakau/Pokeno ratepayers to contribute much to this fund as these residents are unlikely to make much use of the facility. Sue urged all to read the WRC LTP on their website and make a submission.

THAT the report on the LTP Update be accepted.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Ric Odom

9. POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE.

Moved tonights youth presentation to the May meeting. Sue will follow up on planning update from Colin Bottica/Dines. Invite Alan Johnstone to present on the idea of a Christmas parade. Will there be re-planting around the cenotaph?

10. POKENO WORKS & ISSUES REPORT; STATUS ITEMS APRIL 2018

Sue O’Gorman spoke to the report which included an update on requested footpath work, a crossing point on Helenslee Rd for school children and extending the gravel footpath along Helenslee Rd. In response to questions, Sue requested the Committee provide a map of paths we are expecting to be addressed to avoid confusion. Helen will provide a map.

Sue talked to the Village concept plan and noted that Progressive remains keen to build a supermarket in Pokeno and potentially making it a full size supermarket (such as a Countdown store).

Regarding planning for the CBD, it is hoped that a suggested outline may be presented at the Community Committee meeting.

Committee members requested updates on a variety of issues including a question as to why 30km/hr temp speed signs remain on Helenslee/Munro. It was also noted that the rubbish bins in the area of the shops have still not been changed over.

THAT the report on the Pokeno Works & Issues be accepted.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Todd Miller

11. COUNCILLORS REPORT

There were no Councillors present as they are both at a LTP Roadshow. Sue advised that Councillors have been working on a number of large items relating to the LTP.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Doug provided Community Patrol update. The patrol has a number of new patrol members. Kris submitted a suggestion regarding the location of bins for disposing dog waste but has received no response yet.

Todd spoke to Civil Defence Plan which is in progress with large parts of draft plan complete. He is working with the WRC Civil Defence staff on this.

13. NEXT MEETING AGENDA

This items had already been covered.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

Sue advised that every 6 years councils need to consider boundaries, local committees, boards etc. A workshop on this is being held at Tuakau Hall on 24th April.

Helen proposed that Community Committee members convene for a special meeting in the Pokeno Hall on Sunday 15th April at 6.00pm to consider possible submissions on the LTP.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.59pm.

The next full meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee will be held on Tuesday 8th May at 7.00pm in the Pokeno Hall.