



## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of the six weekly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held by Zoom/Audio-Visual conference on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 commencing at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present: Ric Odom, Chair, Helen Clotworthy, Deputy Chair, James McRobbie, Doug Rowe, Brenda Roberts, Kris Hines, Allan Grainger, Peter Koizumi, Helen Johnson, Todd Miller

Guests in Attendance: Clive Morgan, WDC, Andrew Carnell, WRC, Gareth Bellamy, WDC, Jason Marconi, Sport Waikato, Janette Underhill WDC, Liam McGrath and Darien McGrath, Mercer Community Committee

Councillors in Attendance: Cr Jacqui Church, Cr Stephanie Henderson

### **1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Lance Straker

Moved that the apologies be accepted: Ric Odom  
Seconded: Doug Rowe  
Carried

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

Moved: Kris Hines  
Seconded: Helen Johnson  
Carried

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There was no disclosure of interest.

Helen Johnson reminded the PCC of her role with the tennis club.

### **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

No Public forum due to the meeting being online.

### **5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Meeting Held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Pokeno Community hall.

Moved that the minutes be accepted: Helen Clotworthy  
Seconded: Kris Hines  
Carried.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **6.1 Pokeno -Tuakau- Pukekohe Bus service**

Andrew Carnell WRC reported that due to Covid 19, there has been a delay to introducing the service but that it is being fast tracked. It is hoped that the service will commence within 6 months and provide a Demand Responsive bus service with 2 buses every 40 minutes. Helen Clotworthy requested WRC consult with PCC and residents to optimise bus stop locations.

### **6.2 Waka Kotahi (NZTA) funding Application**

The Committee authorised Ric, Helen C, Allen and Peter to work with Janette Underhill to develop a proposal for the Waka Kotahi funding application. Ric to email all to set a time for the group to meet in Pokeno to explore and discuss.

### **6.3 Civil Defence update.**

Todd Miller reported that the Pokeno Civil Defence plan was being re written. CD was taking a holistic view across all hazards and risks and taking on the learnings from the Covid crisis. Todd will initiate community meetings to get more local volunteers to be involved in forming a response team

### **6.4 Pokeno Works and Issues Report – May 2020**

Clive Morgan gave an update on progress:

- **Munro Sports Park work.** Stream diversion to take place later this year, delayed due to Covid.
- **Pokeno Toilets.** Contractor resubmitting tender to include Pokeno and Ngaruawahia.
- **Community connections team re planting of fruit trees project.** Clive to speak to Kim at WDC to ascertain the status of the project.
- **Pest control.** WDC to invite WRC to present to PCC a schedule for our area. Cr Jacqui Church to follow up.
- **Gas bottles.** There was discussion concerning the positioning of the gas bottles in the carpark of the new commercial building at the southern end of Great South Road with concerns expressed that not only were these an 'eyesore' but may pose a safety hazard given their proximity to the road. Clive said if a gas permit has been issued then it is compliant and there is little the WDC could do.
- **Discussion on Fire station design** was raised. Cr Church suggested to invite the Mercer Fire Chief, to address a future meeting. In relation to the design, she would ask WDC property staff to report on the Fire service design. It was noted the community has not been consulted on the design of the station.
- **Correspondence:** Leigh Shaw email, no updates received and Clive will follow up.
- **Public transport, spatial plan HAM/AKL.** Clive reported a draft Business case was underway. NZTA is completing a mapping exercise for an integrated multi-mode transport system. WDC

believes it is critical we connect to AKL and plan to ensure Northern Waikato area is represented in Business case development. When the Draft business case is completed WDC will come back to PCC for comment. Clive to come back to PCC with 'timelines'.

### **6.5 LTP update**

The Committee supported the application of WDC funds to re-surface the tennis courts as proposed. Council officers will work with the Facilities sub-committee to finalise details.

### **6.6 Pokeno Community Committee Schedule**

#### **6.6.1. Possibly Quarry Development**

In discussion relation to the proposed quarry development, the committee was advised that the current land use consent has lapsed and that Council is proposing re-zoning the land for rural use as part of the District plan which is currently under consideration.

### **6.7 Subcommittee reports**

There were no subcommittee reports but Allen spoke to the unveiling of a plaque at the garden area in Pokeno Village on Sunday 21 June and invited committee members to attend.

### **6.8 Mercer Community Committee**

Liam McGrath, Chair of the Mercer Community Committee spoke to the need for a report to commissioned on the safety of the wharf/jetty at Mercer.

### **6.9 Neighbouring Community Committees/Boards.**

There were no other neighbouring committee matters.

### **6.10 Street Naming.**

Deferred until July meeting.

### **6.11 Councillors Reports**

Cr Church gave her report which included:

- A request to Clive Morgan if he could follow up on the request to allow committee members to attend council meetings held in chambers via Zoom.
- Suggested that Action Points be included by way of a table in the minutes. The Chair indicated that there will usually be such an action list and it will be included in future committee papers.
- It was noted that the dog park is getting good use and the group is welcoming to new walkers.
- A suggestion that a double gate be installed in the dog park connecting to the tennis club. This will make it easier, especially for the elderly and those with a disability to park in the tennis court area and access the dog park.
- Submissions will be called in relation to the Representation Review with Cr Church suggesting that perhaps, with the growth of the area, Northern Waikato is currently under-represented.

- The inorganic collection will be on 17 Aug with items to be left at the berm the evening before. There is a limit of 1 square metre of items per household.
- The LTP workshops are key and it is important to have local participation.
- The Blueprint Steering Group is meeting next week. It was noted that a schedule of local meetings hosted by the Blueprint Steering Group has been circulated and shows a combined Mercer-Pokeno-Tuakau session at Tuakau.
- A COVID-19 Report was delivered at the Strategy & Finance Committee meeting.
- A report was submitted which indicated that approximately 20% of the Waikato District population experience 'digital poverty' meaning that they cannot, for a variety of reasons, regularly access the internet.
- A list of LTP projects is being compiled by council officers and will be circulated

**General.** Following the announcement that Andrew Bayly, MP would attend the July meeting (he had been scheduled to attend a previous meeting before lockdown) it was agreed that all election candidates would be offered the opportunity to attend a future meeting.

Chair Ric Odom thanked the visitors for their attendance and contribution. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 7PM.** at the Pokeno Hall