



POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the six-weekly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held at Pokeno Community Hall on Monday 3 May 2021 commencing at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present: Ric Odom (Chair), James McRobbie, Brenda Roberts, Kris Hines, Allen Grainger

Guests in Attendance: Nick Johnson (Waikato District Council), Jenny Wild (Waka Kotahi), Nettie Bird (Fulton Hogan), Ash Mitchell (Fulton Hogan), members of the public

Councillors in Attendance: Cr Jacqui Church

1. Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Helen Clotworthy, Doug Rowe, Peter Koizumi, Cr Henderson.

Moved that the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Brenda Roberts

Seconded: Kris Hines

Carried

2. Confirmation of the Status of the Agenda

Changed Councillor Church's report to top of Reports below.

Moved: Ric Odom

Seconded: Brenda Roberts

Carried

3. Public Forum

- Question received regarding rate rises. Cr Church encouraged everyone to put submissions into Waikato District Council (Council) by 07 May 2021 - to email consult@waidc.govt.nz headed LTP Submissions.
- Also explained regarding rates breakdown including wastewater.
- Question regarding open set of accounts for Council. Advised by Nick Johnson that this is on Council's website.
- Allen Grainger asked if Pokeno Plan 2015 is now obsolete. Cr Church advised that this will be covered by new District Plan after LTP is confirmed.

4. Disclosure of Interest

There were no additional disclosures of interest.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

No minutes received. It is expected these will be tabled at the next meeting.

6. Correspondence

Inwards - no correspondence.

Outwards:

- Letter of thanks to Whitney Channing and Jordon Vivian for their participation in Anzac Service.
- Letter in support of proposed marae on Avon Road.

7. Reports

7.1 - SHI Papakura to Bombay Project Update

Brief outline from Jenny Wild (Waka Kotahi), Nettie Bird (Fulton Hogan) and Ash Mitchell (Fulton Hogan), regarding SHI upgrade between Papakura and Bombay, including not having ghost lines on roadway, storm water and walking/cycling track. This also involves rebuilding two bridges over SHI Papakura to BP station to be completed in two years.

7.3 - Pokeno Works and Issues

Item 1 – LTP Update

- Hearing - Gull Service Station proposal hearing occurring Friday 7 May 2021.
- Munro Road Sports Park - The committee understands that Council's plan is for a maximum 10 hours per week with no special playing surface. This is a concern to the committee.

ACTION: Council staff to verify if this is true and if so, to outline the rationale for such a restriction.

- Funding and Partnerships Update: Sports Park and Skatepark.

ACTION: Nick Johnson to report back to committee with feasibility study answers.

- Sculptures - In response to the request for clarification on the issue of the Totara Park Sculptures and netting, the committee recalled that when Colin Bottica of Dines Group addressed the committee previously, it was indicated that the intent was that Dines would commission a Maori artist to produce a set of carvings reflecting Pokeno history and that these would be installed at Totara Park.
- Playing surface - At the same briefing, the committee's recollection is that the playing surface is primarily for older children – along the lines of a half-court basketball court, which would be installed with appropriate netting surrounding it.

ACTION: Council staff to follow up on both items with Dines.

Item 2 – Public Transport – Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Initiative

Addressing the challenges facing bus access along the route on the Hitchen Block side of Pokeno, the committee was advised that this is being addressed and should be solved in May.

Community Projects Team Update

ACTION: Nick Johnson to follow up on poor street lighting on Munro Road.

- Regarding the ongoing problem with heavy traffic on Great South Road through the village,

ACTION: Council staff still to respond to committee on how this is to be resolved.

- Discussions regarding Pokeno and Ford Road's realignment. Committee not advised. The committee requests Council to provide an overview of the plan for all proposed roading works for Pokeno, including details around each of the projects including proposed start and completion dates. It was suggested that a Road Show or similar be held to better inform Pokeno residents.

ACTION: Nick Johnson indicated he would follow this up.

7.4 - LTP update

Submissions to be in to WDC by 07 May at 5.00 pm

7.5 - Pokeno Community Committee Schedule.

No update, but this will be an ongoing agenda item.

7.6 - Subcommittee reports

No reports of subcommittees

7.7 - Neighbouring Community Committees / Boards

No reports.

7.8 - Councillors Reports

Cr Church gave report, which included encouragement of submissions to Council LTP (see below).

7.9 - Other business

Ric Odom advised that the committee has yet to decide whether PCC should be a Trust or Incorporated Society - Will advise at next meeting.

Committee members were asked to send LTP submission ideas to Ric Odom by Wednesday 7 May 2021, so one submission can be sent from the Committee.

Ginny Bullock co-opted as Secretary of the Committee.

Moved: Ric Odom

Seconded: Brenda Roberts

Carried

Proposed date for AGM (September/November 2021) for discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion on Avon Road connectivity, East/West Pokeno - With the upgrade of the recreation centre and potential construction of a marae on Avon Road, the committee felt that the road should be improved to allow for better connectivity.

Allen Grainger advised Doug Rowe and Community Patrol have raised \$10,000 towards new Patrol vehicle and are asking Council for funding to match this amount. 20 May is the date of the funding meeting. Local car dealer has advised he can offer a special price.

Suggested PCC have a list of public attendees at the PCC meetings. Name and phone numbers would be useful if PCC needs to contact them, subject to meeting the requirements of the Privacy Act.

Chair, Ric Odom thanked the visitors and public for their attendance and contribution. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.22 pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee is Monday 14 June 2021, 7.00pm at the Pokeno Community Hall.