

POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the six-weekly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held at Pokeno Community Hall on Monday 26 July 2021 commencing at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present	Ric Odom (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Doug Rowe, Kris Hines
Guests in Attendance	Nick Johnson (WDC), Tony Whittaker (COO WDC), Megan May (WDC), Mike Lyons (WDA), Warren Wills (WT Partners), Stephanie Iremonger (WT Partners), Matt Kofoed (Downer), Lorraine Borrell (Community Constable), 4 members of the public
Councillors in Attendance	Cr Jacqui Church, Cr Stephanie Henderson

Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Allen Grainger

Moved Doug Rowe

Second . Kris Hines

Carried

Confirmation of the Status of the Agenda and previous Minutes

Moved: Doug Rowe

Seconded: Ginny Bullock

Carried

Setting up legal entity for Pokeno Community Committee

Ric Odom advised that this is under way and may take some time to complete. Once done then the bank account will then be set up. Advises he has enough information on committee members to continue with this

Presentations

Megan May (WDC)

Munro Sports Ground upgrade, including annual costs to complete Phase 2 completion date to be 04 March 2022 and will result in flat grassed area size of 3 full size fields. Future funding is allocated for carparking, lighting, toilets with change facilities, storage and shelter. Dependent on community consultation to be completed by November to get into this year's costings from WDC
Kris Hines asked how community feedback would work and its delivery
Nick Johnson (WDC) said good feasibility study is critical regarding funding

Public toilets replacement.

Standardised design across the district being created as separate individual units. This means that they can be uplifted and moved if required in the future. \$350,000 in current year budget and completion is to be March 2022.

Pokeno Domain and Tennis Courts

\$150,000 dedicated to court renewal, railing on building decking (fall risk), replace hurricane fencing, pavilion to be reclad.

Marking will be tennis, probably netball, basketball and maybe footsal and hockey.

Consultants to confirm possibilities/space

Ownership of the clubrooms (Incorporated Society) will determine how much WDC can spend on upgrade of buildings and will need extra fundraising

Carpark design completed and works should be undertaken in next few months dependent on weather. Looking at diagonal parking on Avon Road as well.

Discussion on skatepark (site, cost, fundraising), removal of dog park to next door paddock may be an option. \$486,251 budgeted for year 3 of current LTP. It was suggested that double this amount will be needed to complete project. Further discussion with PCC to be undertaken

It was felt that skatepark should be more centrally located due to lack of connectivity between Avon and main Pokeno township

Discussion on how fundraising should be undertaken

Bulk location feasibility study is essential to include Avon Road, Market Street, Totara Park etc

Also confirmed inorganic collection has been cancelled after this year and public will be encouraged to take their rubbish to the new recycling centre being built in Bolland Road, Tuakau which will be ready by time next inorganic collection is scheduled

Matt Kofield (Downer)

Service lanes to be built for residents of Pokeno and Ford Roads as part of the upgrade. Pokeno road to be closed until end August when will be reopened until October/November when it will be closed again for road to be resurfaced

Tony Whittaker (WDC)

Consent requests up by 50% on 2020 LTP confirmed June 2021.

Public Forum

One member of the public mentioned that Pokeno website page is not accessible

Encouraged to email any queries to WDC or call by using 0800 number where a job number would be allocated which will enable follow up easily

Correspondence

Inwards: Letter from Gull advising that they want to commence construction and have appealed ruling that road works have to be completed first. Agreed that PCC should support WDC against the appeal

Outwards: None

Reports

- **Councillors Reports**

- **Councillor Church**

- Cemetery ready for use

- Bollard Road Tuakau is site of new recycling/recovery centre near Gull service station

- Dog Control Centre will also be situated in Tuakau

- New Dog Control Bylaw to be announced - check details with the 0800 WDC number.

- Sign to be put up at Pokeno Dog Park to announce this.

- Speed Bylaw - going to Waka Kotahi for further consultation

- Purchase of land in central Pokeno by WDC has been made for future use but public not advised

- Representation review of number of councillors/wards for next 3-6 years in Waikato.

- Will be 2 Maori and 11 Councillors in next 3 years.

- **Pokeno Works and Issues Report**

- There is still concern regarding heavy traffic through the main street. This is due to be upgraded in August 2022 subject to weather. Some potholes have been temporarily filled

- Ginny Bullock asked about improvements to rail crossing at McDonald Road because of extra traffic due to Pokeno Road diversions and was advised that this is with NZ Rail but is complicated because of train movements

- Helen Clotworthy advised that Z truck stop has asked WDC for resource consent for 6 more fuel pumps. This was a surprise to the Committee and Ross to come back next meeting with full details

- **Solid Waste report**

- Works issues exist. To be discussed next PCC meeting

- Pokeno Market is advertising that it will be open every night and asking for stall holder interest. Do the operators need a permit?

- Also asked about Tiny Library and was advised this is a community decision regarding site

Footpath needed at least between Avon Road and main Pokeno township to increase connectivity and safety

- **Pokeno Community Committee Schedule.**

Update of Pokeno website (www.pokeno.nz) and Facebook entries as these appear not to be working. Council will contribute something towards this. Can be accessed through Google or WDC website. Ric Odom to follow up

- **Subcommittee reports**

No reports of subcommittees

- **Community Committees/Boards**

No reports.

- **Other business**

Robust discussion between Tony Whittaker and Cr Church regarding public input at rates meetings and how more public information can be disseminated via websites.

Discussion regarding how to advise ratepayers of what is happening in Pokeno and how Facebook and web page should be set up

- **Action points for September meeting**

- * Proposed date for AGM (September/November 2021) for discussion committee elections held 2 yearly
- * Use of \$20,000 for planting in the Pokeno area
- * Use of public land in Pokeno. Suggestions for future use
- * Ideas for ways to inform public - update Facebook page and website. How to go about this as original web designer is no longer available

List of public attendees completed and handed to Secretary Ginny Bullock

Chair Ric Odom thanked the visitors and public for their attendance and contribution.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.29 pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee is Monday 06 September 2021 at 7.00 pm at the Pokeno Community Hall.