



POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Meeting held 15/11/16 to discuss top ten ideas for Pokeno resulting from recent workshop

Apologies: Wayne Rodgers, Lance Straker

The members present considered the following ideas the most important.

1 Toilets

An upgrade of the toilet block. That there should be consistent opening time, it was reported that at times it wasn't open at 9.30am

2 Public Transport to Pukekohe and Auckland

Although trains were considered to be the ideal solution it was realised that this may be a long time coming. An interim solution was proposed that there should be regular transport to coincide with the trains in Pukekohe – this could be a shuttle bus that left every hour to coincide with the arrival and departure of every second train. It would serve also as a shopping bus to Pukekohe.

3 Sports and Recreation

The need for open spaces in the area. What is happening? Where are they? How are they being developed?

4 Emergency Services

The need for a location for fire, ambulance and Civil Defence in Pokeno.

5 Footpaths

These need to be developed for safer walking around Pokeno.

6 Ford Street

The closure of Ford Street so it is no longer a short cut for trucks. It was suggested that an open space for our community be developed to replace the proposed loss of the berm along Pokeno Road which will occur with the proposed new overbridge and road exit into Pokeno Road from the Hitchen Block.

7 Development of a theme for Pokeno

8 Market Square

What is the time line for this development? The road, the square, the monument, the planting?

9 Getting the trucks out of the main road

10 I Site

This would be to link Pokeno to New Zealand's growing tourism industry.