



POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the monthly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held in the Pokeno Hall, Pokeno, on 11 April 2017, commencing at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present: Helen Clotworthy, Doug Rowe, Todd Miller, Paul Heta, Tricia Graham, Janet McRobbie, Charles Hackett, Kris Hines, Rick Odom, Morris Roberts, Wayne Rodgers

Guests in Attendance: **Mayor Allan Sanson**
Tony Whittaker (Waikato District Council)
Colin Botica (Pokeno Land Consortium)

Councillors in Attendance: Cr J Church, Cr S Henderson

Community Members Attending: Community Members attended.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There was no disclosure of interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE STATUS OF THE AGENDA

No items were added to the agenda.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Doug Rowe

Carried

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. NEW ZELAND POLICE

Richard Wright of the New Zealand Police was unable to attend as he had urgent business.

THAT the report from the General Manager Strategy & Support be received.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Doug Rowe

Carried

7. POKENO LAND CONSORTIUM

Colin Botica of the Pokeno Land Consortium gave a presentation in two parts.

Part 1 – An update of where they are up to

Fifty per cent of consented land, both residential and industrial, has either title or is awaiting title. The very wet weather at the moment means that they are behind with the work they had expected to do this season on consented land.

He showed plans of both earth work consents and storm water consents.

Questions regarding responsibility for storm water followed. Colin said that while they have ownership of the land they had responsibility for this, but not once the land was sold.

The maintenance along Pokeno Rd was discussed; he said this would be fixed.

The state of the pond in Helenslee Rd needs a solution as it is becoming very overgrown.

As regards reserves Colin pointed out present reserve land in both the Helenslee and Hitchen Blocks and said that the Norfolk Pine Reserve in the Hitchen Block was due to be vested

to Council in about 6 months, while the Totara Reserve in the Helenslee Block was about 18 months away.

On the subject of connectivity, it was conceded that there needs to be coordination between Pokeno Land Consortium, Council and third party owners.

Part 2 – Application for a Private Plan Change

Maps were shown giving the history of the development including what the constraints to development were – the aggregate area, the motorway, and the Bombay Hills.

Colin showed maps of the present consented land which has a space in the centre which represents the Graham Land – 14Ha of this is zoned residential, and 25Ha rural. Pokeno Land Consortium has now bought this land, although settlement is not until late February 2018.

The intention is to apply for a Private Plan Change for the land not already zoned residential. At the same time an application is to be made that the land adjoining this which is zoned residential large lot overlay, have the large lot overlay removed. The original reason for this was the objection by the Grahams when the original zoning occurred because of its proximity to their vineyard and the possibility of reverse discrimination.

Much of this land is very challenging for development and will only be suitable for larger Countryside living plots of between 3000sqm and 3Ha. Considering this there will only be a maximum of about 100 houses.

It is likely that this will be lodged in the next few weeks and Colin considers it is likely to be publically notified. The process is likely to take between 18 months and 18 years. Building is unlikely to start for 5 years.

Questions regarding reserve land were asked and Colin pointed to an area of protected native bush, and other areas because of their challenging nature would be unsuitable for building.

THAT the report from the General Manager Strategy & Support be received.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Janet McRobbie

Carried

8. ANNUAL PLAN 2017/2018 – WASTEWATER CONSULTATION

Tony Whittaker spoke to this report.

Annual Plan 2017/18 Consultation document to be sent to all rate payers by 13 April. Drop-in session to be held on Tuesday, 02 May.

A number of the community had attended expecting this to be discussed.

Tony pointed out that the present level of service was not acceptable to the community and there was a need for a better understanding of the network – there have been some high profile overflows, particularly in Raglan.

Current practice of the Wastewater and Water teams not being separate is no longer acceptable for hygiene reasons and this separation of teams must occur.

He said that there were three options, and that the targeted rate increase, which in the Waikato District is a district wide policy, would be \$130.

He encouraged all rate payers to attend the consultation session on 02 May.

That the report from the General Manager Strategy & Support be received.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy
Seconded: Todd Miller
Carried

9. POKENO COMMUNITY PLAN

This report has been received by the Council and is available on the website. Helen outlined to those unfamiliar with it its features and discussion followed. Tony pointed out that it was not only budgeting that was a problem but also resourcing. The report will be referred to when constructing the Draft Annual Plan.

That the report from the General Manager Strategy & Support be received.

Moved: Janet McRobbie
Seconded: Doug Rowe
Carried

10. POKENO WORKS & ISSUES

Issues arising since the last meeting include: the need to rename the two sections of Hitchen Road that have been cut off; the need to tidy up the cenotaph prior to ANZAC Day; and issues regarding Sports and Recreation.

That the report from the General Manager Strategy & Support be received.

Moved: Trisha Graham
Seconded: Janet McRobbie
Carried

11. DRAFT POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

It was agreed that the following be added to the Draft Community Schedule:

- May: The New Zealand Police to be rescheduled and the North Waikato Business Association to be added.
- June: Discussion on Market Square and an overview of Sports and Recreation.
- July: The Waikato Regional Council.

That the report from the General Manager Strategy & Support be received.

Moved: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Doug Rowe

Carried

12. COUNCILLORS REPORT

- Retail opening is allowed on Easter Sunday.
- Funding is available for Placemaking project.
- Inorganic Refuse Collection scheduled 12-17 June.
- Supermarket consent is approved.
- The stop sign at the Razorback exit is being investigated.
- Phase 2 of the wastewater – the contract has been let.

That the report from the General Manager Strategy & Support be received.

Moved: Tricia Graham

Seconded: Doug Rowe

Carried

13. NEXT MEETINGS AGENDA ITEMS

NIL.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

Community Patrol Group

This is going well and has been reasonably quite. Signs have gone up advertising it.

Andrew Beyer

The 'Drop In' is underway. Fifteen people came to the first session.

Placemaking

A group are working on an installation for ANZAC Day to be erected on Wednesday, 19 April.

Defibrillator

This is now ready for installation.

CLOSURE

Helen Clotworthy thanked the visitors for their attendance and their contribution. There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm.

The next meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee will be held on 09 May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Pokeno Hall.