



POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the monthly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held in the Pokeno Hall, Pokeno, on 13th November 2018, commencing at 7.00pm.

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

WDC Staff in Attendance: Ian Cathcart

Councillors in Attendance Cr J Church Cr S Henderson

Guests Joel McKinlay, Bill Birch, Tania Simpson

Community Members Community Members attended.

1 APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Ric Odom, Lance Straker

Moved that the apologies be accepted: Helen Clotworthy

Seconded: Todd Miller

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE STATUS OF THE AGENDA

This was confirmed

Moved Helen Clotworthy

Seconded Todd Miller

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There was no disclosure of interest

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Moved Helen Clotworthy

Seconded Wayne Rodgers

5. REPORTS

Dines Group

A progress report was presented by Colin Botica

- 700 of the Hitchen Block sections have been sold
- The Graham Block is in the draft planning stage. Some of the sections in this block will be very large owing to the nature of the land. It will include walkways
- Only 4Ha of industrial land is still left for sale. They are being very picky who they sell to so that the industries are a good fit with the 3 big dairy factories
- Hitchen Bridge probably completed mid-January Concerns were expressed that the crossing to the school was at a dangerous place – this would need to be mitigated. It was also of concern that if trucks still used the level crossing they would still be going down the main street
- Work on Totora Reserve has started. It will probably be vested with council in December

Pokeno Eco Park

A report was presented by Joel Mc Kinlay

- 350 Ha has been purchased on the hillside behind the Dairy factories and the Graham Block running down to the river
- A resort with 200 beds is planned in Tata Valley. It will be linked to Mercer by a ferry. It will include a NZ Made Hub and activities. Resource consents have been approved for earth works to begin. Opening anticipated 2020-2021
- Havelock Village – 1000 lots this all depends on a plan change
- Local residents present voiced their concern about the management of the present native bush and its need for fencing and pest control. Joel is to meet with them to remedy this
- Helen invited the group to give us regular updates

5.3 Food Truck League

Tania Simpson presented this report

- Tania is affiliated with 95 Food Trucks. During the summer Sundays they are running 'Gourmet in the Gardens' in Hamilton and this is proving very successful
- An app has been developed coordinating all food trucks in NZ
- She is identifying places they could go
- Trucks are regulated and inspected
- The possibility of bringing 3 or 4 trucks to Pokeno on a Friday evening was suggested. Perhaps the hall car park would be a suitable venue with 3 or 4 trucks with food not available at the present time in Pokeno

5.4 Works and Issues

- Hill Park zigzag footpath that is incomplete. Colin said the Dines Group would be willing to complete this but they **must** get direction from council before they proceed
- Concerns about the trees on the road reserve. Helen said this was part of a greater concern about the use of land that has been earmarked for the future Market Square – this

must not gradually wither away. Formal letters to be written by council to the Real Estate Agent pointing out that land they have been using is land designated for the Market Square.

- Work on the Cemetery Design is being undertaken
- A pilot is underway for banners in the main street
- More road names are needed
- Waste water reticulation Morris Roberts reported concerns of people in Ford St – he is to be in touch with council
- Funding an invoice needs to be sent and this will be done when we have a bank account

5.6 Pokeno Community Committee Schedule

- It was confirmed that there would be no January meeting of the committee
- The December meeting to start at 6.30 and to be a meeting of Xmas Cheer – bring a plate

5.6 Service Delivery

- Toilet upgrade to be a paint job The committee agreed that the council should go ahead using the colours agreed in the town plan
- It was noted that rubbish bins are urgently needed at the Kowhai Downs Waterfall
- The rest of the report taken as read

5.7 By-line for ‘Pokeno Logo’

It was suggested by Helen that the following by-line be added to the Pokeno Logo

Pokeno a Unique and Interesting Place to Work and Live in or a Missed Opportunity’.

This is a passionately held feeling. After discussion it was decided that action should not occur at the moment but that the matter should be revisited after we hear Kobus’s Blueprint in March.

Moved Kris Hines

Seconded Todd Miller

Carried

5.8 Civil Defence Update

Todd Miller has produced a comprehensive document to help our resilience as a community and develop a civil defence plan. He has met with interested parties. The plan has been circulated to committee members. A report has been sent to council but it is owned by us and will be developed by our community.

5.9 Power Supply

- Helen attended a meeting with Counties Power. The problem is that Helenslee Rd is at the end of the line so affected by any problems. This will improve when a new substation is built
- Helen received a letter of thanks for attending and the offer of help. This involved the help with signage of historic places – this was gratefully accepted.

5.10 Tracks and Trails Report

A meeting regarding these was attended by Helen and Jacqui now input is needed

5.11 Xmas Parade

- Allen Granger reported the good news that we have a grant from the Discretionary Fund for traffic management so it will now go ahead on 14th December
- A lot of work has been done in organisation

5.13 Councillors Reports

Jacqui in response to concerns over pest control that Andrew Sinclair of the Whakaupoko Landscape Group (0212681904) has good information and suggested he should be invited to a meeting

5.14 Committee Reports

Doug Rowe reported that there was a new policeman that we were sharing with Tuakau and as Xmas nears we should be aware of thieves

5.15 Next Meetings Agenda

Reports only followed by Xmas Cheer

5.16 General Business

It was agreed Andrew Sinclair be invited to a meeting

There being no further business Helen thanked our guests and declared the meeting close at 10.00pm the next meeting to be held on December 11th at the earlier time of 6.30pm Bring a plate.