



## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of the monthly Pokeno Community Committee meeting held in the Pokeno Hall, Pokeno, on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019, commencing at 7.00pm.

**Committee Members Present:** Helen Clotworthy, Tricia Graham, Doug Rowe, Janet McRobbie, Charles Hackett, Wayne Rodgers, Morris Roberts, Ric Odom, Lance Straker

**WDC Staff in Attendance:** Ian Cathcart

**Councillors in Attendance** Mayor Allan Sanson, Cr J Church Cr S Henderson

**Guest** John Roberts, Sinlait

**Community Members** Community Members attended.

**1 APOLOGIES:** Apologies received from Todd Miller, Chris Hines

**Moved that the apologies be accepted:** Ric Odom

**Seconded:** Tricia Graham

### **2 CONFIRMATION OF THE STATUS OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved** Ric Odom

**Seconded** Wayne Rodgers

### **3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There was no disclosure of interest

### **4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**Moved** Ric Odom

**Seconded** Doug Rowe

### **5. REPORTS**

#### **5.1 Pokeno Works and Issues**

This was presented by Ian Cathcart

### *Footpath Zig-zag*

The Council are still awaiting quotes

### *Cemetery*

Further consultation to occur

### *Dangerous Corner on Helenslee Rd*

This is to be realigned and in the meantime the trees to be trimmed. The committee still of the opinion that in the short term a double yellow line would improve safety. Concern was also expressed about the corner of Munroe and Helenslee Rd

### *Subdivision and Bins*

Bins are only provided in Commercial areas not residential area.

Concern was expressed about the litter at the Waterfall near Kowhai Downs. This is now vested to council. This is now on the maintenance schedule. Discussion followed as to whether putting notices to tell people to remove their own litter would be sufficient. On the whole the committee felt that because most of the users were children bins would be preferable. However this would come at a cost.

### *Bus Updates*

It is urgent that there is a meeting with WDC to discuss where bus stops will be. Questions were asked about the route these can only be answered at that meeting

## **5.2 Pokeno Community Committee Schedule**

The March meeting to be given over to a discussion of the Blue Print with a drop in session between 5 and 8.30pm. This goes online on 8<sup>th</sup> March – the drop in session to be well advertised

At the April meeting Jason from Sports Waikato and Gavin Donald to give an update.

## **5.3 Year to Date Service Requests**

Taken as read

Moved Ric Odom

Seconded Helen Clotworthy

## **5.4 Blueprint Update**

See Community Committee Schedule

## **5.5 Councillors Report**

*Cr S Henderson*

Technical Trust addresses any problems, Pokeno is the next town for funding. The committee will meet next Monday; it will receive a police report and consider lighting and cameras

## **5.6 Committee Reports**

Meet and Greet has started again for the year and there were two new members

## **5.7 Next Meetings Agenda**

This was covered in the Community Committee Schedule

## **5.8 General Business**

### *Sinlait*

John Roberts reported that a new manager, John Beebe, had been recruited – he is living locally. They now have 8 full time employees and will have another 50 in the near future. Production is planned to start in September.

### *Increasing Crime*

There has been talk of increasing crime in Pokeno both on Facebook and elsewhere. A meeting is held with Police in Pukekohe regularly to discuss this and it is felt that a member of the committee should attend this to hear the real statistics. (Helen and Ric to alternate)  
A possibility of a lack meeting on Public Safety was considered

### *Safety at the Waterfall*

Helen was concerned about the public safety issue at the waterfall with people jumping off the high bank

### *Supermarket*

The consenting progress for this is well advanced

### *Food trucks*

These will be in Pokeno each Thursday evening between 5pm and 8pm

### *Mayor Alan Sanson*

Alan said that a total review of discretionary funding is required – the model being used at the moment is still the same one of 20years ago. It is disjointed and needs a complete overhaul from the bottom up. A chair has been appointed to run this and the project is being given urgency. We will be looking for feedback.  
We were also given a rundown of the new appointments to council and on projects that are being explored often in partnership with Central Government

### *Helen Johnson*

Helen is a member of the community who has been very heavily involved in sports organisation on a National Level. Her concern is the lack of anything available NOW for the residents. She sees a possibility of developing the tennis club as either a tennis club or more likely a multi sports facility. A general post on Facebook has had a very positive response and she has met with the president of the club and with Jason of Sports Waikato. This project would require a lot of money and there would need to be an application for Discretionary Funds. Helen was made aware of the April agenda items and of the work already done to see what the community wanted.

## **ACTION LIST**

\*An update on the Waterfall area

\*A meeting with WDC to discuss bus stops to be held urgently

\*The March drop in session concerning the Blueprint

\* A committee member to attend the Pukekohe Police meeting

There being no further business Helen declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm The next meeting to be held on March 11th at 7.00pm