

Pokeno Community Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Pokeno Community Committee held at Pokeno Hall, Market Rd on Monday 12 August 2024

Our meeting commenced with a request to all stand for a minute's silence in respect of our Secretary [Ginny Bullock](#) whose daughter passed away unexpectedly.

Present

[Allen Grainger](#)(Chair), [Helen Clotworthy](#)(Treasurer), [Janet Baillie](#), [Ian Leader](#),

Councillor: Kandi Ngataki

1 Apologies

Ginny Bullock, [Bronwyn Heath](#), [Mike Holroyd](#) Councillor Vern Reeve

Moved [Janet Baillie](#)

Seconded [Kandi Ngataki](#)

2 Confirmation of Status of Agenda

Chair [Allen Grainger](#) moved the Report Title: Adoption of Pokeno Community Committee Plan by removed from our Agenda for further PCC discussion

Moved Allen Grainger

Seconded Janet Baillie

3 Disclosure of interest

The register of disclosures of interests is no longer included on agendas but PCC members still have a duty to disclose any interests under this item to the Chairman

4 Confirmation of previous minutes Monday 1 July 2024

Moved Kandi Ngataki

Seconded Helen Clotworthy

5 Public Forum

A member of the public asked when are the bollards on Market Rd to be removed. Allen advised when the road works are completed. It is a Health & Safety matter for the residents and road workers to keep them in place. Suggestions were presented to inform residents of road progress: Woolworths Community noticeboard, also the WDC fortnightly e-newsletter. WDC FB page, Pokeno Community website.

A question was asked: Do we have a Community Patrol? Yes, we do, where do they patrol in light of car thefts? Refer to item 8.4 in the Agenda for information regarding the installation of street cameras, hopefully, to be installed before Christmas.

A question asked is: Do we have a direct bus service to Papakura? Allen explained the route of Bus 44. Waikato Regional Council is trying to provide a directed bus service from Pokeno - Papakura, this is currently not supported by Auckland Transport who are blocking the bus

from parking at Papakura Rail Station for the passengers to disembark. There is a “Have your say” option for residents and groups to advocate for public transport policies to Papakura and retain Te Huia extending past 2025.

A suggestion was made to position picnic tables and seats in the Road Reserve park space next to our Cenotaph.

6 Correspondence

In: Various emails from WDC forwarded by Secretary Ginny Bullock to all committee members.

Out: Nil

7. Reports

7.1 Councillors report

Kandi Ngataki advised of her attendance at recent WDC huis:

Citizenship Ceremony, we welcome 2 new New Zealanders to our Pokeno Community. Waikato Waters, the new 3 Waters organisation. Work has started for WDC to get the best outcome for our District.

Strategic Risk Workshop: WDC is reviewing its policies and plans for its public spaces and community facilities

Spaces and Places: Waikato District Council is looking at its policies and plans for council-owned public spaces and community facilities. Our open spaces and facilities are important to so many in our community, offering a sense of belonging for many residents. They serve as places to learn, connect, and play. Kandi and Mayor Jacqui urge us all to “Have your Say”.

7.2 Adoption of Community Committee Plan

Refer to item 2, Confirmation of Status of Agenda

7.3 Mayoral Community Awards

Mayor Jacqui provided the background to celebrate our volunteers in the community. Helen moved Allen and Janet to consider a nomination from Pokeno Community

7.4 Subcommittee Reports

7.4.1 Strategy & Growth/Pokeno Realm

Allen advised that funding is required for Stage 2 to complete the Great South Rd upgrade.

7.4.2 Finance

Helen presented her Finance report, as attached

Moved [Helen Clotworthy](#) seconded [Kandi Ngataki](#)

7.4.3 Facilities

Our new toilets are usable. The Tiny Library needs to be reinstated. Will to inquire whose responsibility it is to reinstate, WDC or PCC.

7.4.4 Events

Ladies' Night Diwali evening, a successful evening with our Hall full

October is a community Diwali Festival
Pokeno Christmas Parade, 6 December
Business Connect, a proposed Mix and Mingle for businesses in Pokeno
The breastscreen mobile van parked here for 5 days. They were pleased with the use of this facility, which is as good as Pukekohe and Waikuk support.
PCC member detailed the work he is involved in exploring business growth in North Waikato - Tuakau, Pokeno & Mercer so we work effectively & collectively together for growth in our district. With strategic planning managing the growth in Pokeno and especially how we retain our uniqueness.

7.4.5. Communications

Anzac Day tab to be added. Information to be included is our Anzac Day Stories

7.5 Other Business

No other business to report

8. PCC Community Works Programme

8.1 Works and Issues update

Helenslee Rd Storm Water Improvements are progressing
Pokeno Corridor improvements are at the design stage.
to be appointed.

Pokeno Marae, public consultation is due to start soon

8.2 Pokeno Sports Park, a Landscape Architect has been appointed, the design plans should soon be completed and then go to public consultation. The playing fields will be available for use in February/March 2025 Please note: there will be no facilities available, just green grass.

8.3 Market Street Hub is in the design stage, a project manager is to be appointed

8.4 CCTV Cameras Pokeno Community has secured cameras to be installed along Great South Rd, an installation date TBC

9. General Business

Mayor Jacqui provided an update on the 2 Waters proposals. She advises Watercare - who currently manage WDC water - is investigating the best options for WDC. If you would like to know more about this please message our Councillor [Kandi Ngataki](#) for up-to-date and correct information.

The meeting ended 8. 15 pm

