



Agenda for a meeting of the Pōkeno Community Committee to be held in the Pookeno Community Hall, Corner Great South Road and Market Street, Pookeno on **MONDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2024** commencing at **7.00PM**.

**1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA**

**3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The register of interests is no longer included on agendas; however, members still have a duty to disclose any interests under this item.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Meeting held on Monday, 4 November 2024

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**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

<b>To</b>	<b>Pōkeno Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>
Date:	Tuesday, 10 December 2024
Report Author:	Elizabeth Saunders, Senior Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

## **1. Purpose of the report**

### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Pōkeno Community Committee held on Monday, 4 November 2024.

## **2. Staff recommendations**

### **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

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**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Pōkeno Community Committee held on Monday, 4 November 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

## **3. Attachments**

### **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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Attachment 1 – PCC Minutes, Monday, 4 November 2024

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## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of meeting of Pokeno Community Committee held at Pokeno Hall on Monday 05 November 2024

### **Present**

Allen Grainger (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Janet Baillie, Bronwyn Heath, Cecilia Heta, Mike Holroyd  
Councillors: Vern Reeve, Kandi Ngataki

Visitors: Will Gauntlett (WDC), Dominique Thurlow (WDC), various members of the public

### **Apologies**

Mayor Jacqui Church, Ian Leader

Moved Janet Baillie

Seconded Ginny Bullock

Chairman Allen Grainger opened the meeting talking about the Long Term Plan for the next 9 years. Deficit of \$20 million for roading which is 85% of funding. WDC is a very large area with a very low ratio of ratepayers compared with other councils.

### **Confirmation of Status of Agenda**

Moved Allen Grainger

Seconded Cecilia Heta

### **Confirmation of previous minutes 23 September 2024**

Minutes to be amended to read intersection of SH2 and O'Leary Road

Moved Kandi Ngataki

Seconded Helen Clotworthy

### **Disclosures 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

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

A question was raised by a member of the public regarding the spelling of Pokeno. His rates say Pokeno, any correspondence has a mix of Pookeno and Pokeno. He asked which is correct. Mike advised there was a meeting early last year where the consensus was the spelling should be Pokeno. Mayor Jacqui was at that meeting.

Cecilia Heta advised that double-vowel spelling of various place names around the district is a sign of respect to Waikato-Tainui and does not mean that these will be changed by the National Geographic Board in future. In the 1860's there was no written te reo so settlers spelled Maori name places as they thought correct.

Janet McRobbie advised she had received a letter from Waka Kotahi regarding the left turn from SH2 into O'Leary Road, once speed cameras are installed, the problem will stop

Drivers now use hazard lights when turning left to slow oncoming traffic down. A suggestion was made to have a meeting between residents, Waka Kotahi and Mark Fleming, head of traffic control in Pokeno

A question was raised about the red crossing over Great South Road, on the south side of the Great South Road upgrade. This is not a crossing but a warning for traffic to slow down.

The real crossing lights do not show pedestrian lights until someone presses the button when they show up. So people are walking across the road without the lights coming on to stop the traffic. Very dangerous

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Out: Nil

## REPORTS

### Councillor's report from Kandi Ngataki



Councillor Report  
PCC November 2024

Ginny Bullock asked that the speed limits are checked as there are quite a few temporary signs still out in Pokeno and it is very difficult to know what the limit is. Great south Road has a 60, 40 and 30 kph sign and then a 50 kph. She thinks limit is 30 kph in the town centre. Important to have consistency throughout the town

Vern Reeves advised regarding submissions on waste are taking place at the moment. Look at WDC website for updates. Keeping animals bylaw has passed. Discussion with Waikato Regional Council ongoing.

### SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Strategy and Growth / Pokeno Realm

Ginny Bullock reported that works are almost complete on the roundabout and upgrade to GSR.

Work to repair park outside toilets damaged by vandals is on the WDC list

Money is safe-guarded for Hub to be built in Pokeno, half in 2025 and half in 2026. Waiting for architect's report

Helen Clotworthy commented re landscaping for parks. The old farming equipment outside the toilets is to be protected and added to the landscaping. Seating is also going to be added one council has approved. Shop owners at Market Place will be funded seating in the park behind the cenotaph.

A question was raised regarding upgrade of road between roundabout and new main street upgrade. This was originally in the budget but because of 40% increase in costs and delays in getting contractors meant that this could not be completed. It is in the LTP for future upgrade. This also applies to footpaths in Market, Marlborough and Regina Streets.

Allen Grainger also commented on what appear to be roads on the hill overlooking Pokeno which is not to be developed. Advised these are temporary to install water pipes.

## **Facilities**

### **Sports Park**

Waste water disposal is a problem regarding further development of the Sports Park. Council is not letting up know what is happening and this should not go back to the discussion stage as this has already been done and does not need to be repeated.

### **Munro Road**

Work has been delayed due to power cable beneath the road surface (although Ginny Bullock notes that some upgrades have been done at the corner of Munro Road and Pokeno Road)

## **Treasurer's report**



\_PCC Financial  
Report 24 Septemb



ASB FastNet Society  
Account 15 October

Moved Helen Clotworthy  
Seconded Ginny Bullock

## **Communications**

No update.

## **Community Plan**

Update from Dominique Thurlow. A couple of items to be finalized. Plan accepted subject to these items.

Moved Allen Grainger  
Seconded Janet Baillie

Each item will be in Agenda for each meeting to keep Plan front and centre  
Allen Grainger thanked the committee members for their time and efforts to get the Plan "over the line"

## Events

Allen Grainger advised that \$10000 funding from WDC will be sent to match up with other Community Boards/Committees grants.

### **Pokeno School Gala Day**

16 November

Looking for volunteers. Lions Club doing sausage sizzle which raised \$3000 last year for the school

### **Christmas Parade**

6 December on Gateway Park Drive.

60 entry forms have been sent out. \$4000 for traffic management. WDC advise this is the last year for funding from WDC towards traffic management etc so PCC will have to do ongoing fundraising for next year

### **Christmas in the Park**

To be held on 21 December at Totara Park at the top of Hillpark Drive.

Pokeno School is involved. Whitney Channing Music School will perform, Old Fellas Ukelele concert

## Facilities

**Skatepark.** Fundraising needed to complete the project. A consultant has been asked to present some options, but this report has not been received to date. However it is difficult to plan due to flooding and there is no facility for sewage, waste water etc. Council to advise master plan/flood plan before skatepark can be planned. Money is available once site is finalized.

**Munro Road widening** has been delayed due to flooding and there is an electric cable under the road which is delaying update.

**Community Hub** in Market Street design stage is being completed. Half the money will be available in 24/25 and half in 25/26. Project Manager is being procured at the moment.

**Toilets** are now operational.

## NEIGHBOURING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None



## **KEY WORKS PROGRAMMES**

### **Security Cameras**

No further information on cameras. As per last meeting, Will said to use the “squeaky door” to keep reminding council regarding the cameras

### **Resealing Great South Road between Wellington Street and McDonald Street**

Potholes are becoming a menace and a request has been made to reseal this stretch of the road. WDC advise forward works programme has not yet been confirmed, but funding might be an issue. A suggestion that a Government Subsidy for Potholes could be applied for.

**Safety concerns on Pokeno Road for pedestrians using road bridge near Pokeno School.** Check availability of creating a back entrance to the school from Pokeno Road to allow children access to the school safely. No move on this from council.

Traffic ignores speed limit. Meeting advised that a new bridge is required which is in the Long Term Plan but is not budgeted for in the short term.

Vern Reeve advised he stopped his car with his hazard lights on to let the children cross safely the other day.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Kowhai Downs**

Allen Grainger advised flooding still has not receded. People were canoeing on it the other day. Suggestions that it should be developed into a water park. He understands that a Taiwanese businessman flew over the area pre-flooding and has purchased it for development. He does not seem to be aware of flooding risk

**Business Connect** to connect local businesses with PCC took place recently. Not many businesses chose to attend even though many businesses were advised. One of the members of the public advised that she did not receive an invitation and was told to contact Business Connect.

Meeting closed at 8.27 pm

## **MEETING DATES 2024**

Monday 16 December

<b>To</b>	<b>Pookeno Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>PCC Community Works and Issues Report – December 2024</b>
Date:	16 December 2024
Report Author:	Soroya McGall, EA to General Manager Community Growth
Authorised by:	Will Gauntlett, General Manager Community Growth

## **1. Purpose of the report**

### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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To provide an update on issues arising from the previous meeting and works underway.

## **2. Staff recommendations**

### **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

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**THAT the Works and Issues report from the General Manager Community Growth be received.**

## **3. Attachments**

### **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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1. Works and Issues Report December 2024

## Pookeno Community Committee's Works and Issues Report – November 2024

	Issue and Action	Area	Status Update
1.	<p><b>Resealing of Main Road</b></p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> Request for the road south of the main street to be resealed up to McDonald Road to repair potholes.</p>	Acting Roothing Manager	<p><b>December 2024:</b> The resealing is now in the Forward Works Programme for 2025/2026. Work will commence next year, date to be confirmed.</p>
2.	<p><b>Safety concerns with pedestrian use of the road bridge on Pokeno Road</b></p> <p>Concerns raised regarding pedestrian use of the Bridge on Pokeno Road, between the School and the Lakeside development. Suggest whether there is an option of a back entrance walkway from Munro Road to Pokeno School.</p>	Open Spaces – Reserves And Roothing Manager.	<p><b>November 2024:</b> A letter highlighting safety issues has been drafted and is currently with Councillor Reeve for approval.  Pedestrian access to the surrounding areas is a consideration for the Sports Park Masterplan.  On the assumption that this letter will be delivered, and the wider issue considered within related work programmes, this item will be closed.</p>
3.	<p><b>Church Street Entry:</b></p> <p>Concerns that there is no entry into Church Street which means vehicles are driving over the kerb</p>	CAPEX Delivery Consultant	<p><b>November 2024:</b> The island on great south road opposite Church Street was constructed as part of the roundabout project and was required as a condition of the consent for the medical centre on the other side of the road.  Due to safety concerns with the medical centre being in such close proximity to the new roundabout, the driveway was required to be a left in/left out only.  The main concern being that vehicles coming out of the medical centre driveway wanting to turn</p>

	<b>Issue and Action</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
			right towards Tuakau would be at risk of being hit by vehicles coming off the roundabout.  This has also meant that Church Street has also become a left in left out.

## **Works Programme Update** (as of November 2024)

### **Pookeno Sports Park, Munro Road**

Work is currently underway on the Masterplan the first workshop is planned for early December 2024. Staff to connect with PCC to include community feedback from open day last October 2023.

### **CCTV Cameras**

A Council workshop was held on 18 September 2024 with elected members. The outcome being that further investigation is required for a more cost-effective operational model which includes: maintenance, cameras and monitoring. Next steps are to develop a design for a district wide CCTV network. This will require further engagement.

### **Market Street Hub**

Recruitment to procure a Project Manager is currently underway.

### **Great South Road and Pokeno Road Intersection Upgrade**

Work is now complete.



*Roundabout site looking north*

**Pokeno Road Corridor Improvement, Pokeno Road Traffic Bridge, Intersection (Roundabout) Upgrade Munro/Pokeno, Munro Road Resilience Improvement, and Helenslee Road Minor Improvements**

NZTA have not funded these projects (2024 – 2027). Therefore, work is unlikely. However, Council has agreed to continue with designs for the above sites and to get these finalised in preparation for future LTP.