

## **POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of meeting of Pokeno Community Committee held at Pokeno Hall on Monday 16 December 2024

### **Present**

Allen Grainger (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Janet Baillie, Bronwyn Heath, Mike Holroyd  
Councillors: Vern Reeve, Kandi Ngataki  
Visitors: Member of the public Susan Swart

### **Apologies**

Will Gauntlett (WDC), Dominique Thurlow (WDC)  
Moved Ginny Bullock  
Seconded Bronwyn Heath

Chairman Allen Grainger opened the meeting by advising the resignations from the PCC of Ian Leader and Cecilia Heta. Ian will remain on the Civil Defence Committee and Cecilia will remain on the Sports Park Committee

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

Moved Mike Holroyd  
Seconded Ginny Bullock

### **Confirmation of previous minutes 04 November 2024**

Moved Allen Grainger  
Seconded Ginny Bullock

### **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**

No items this meeting

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Resignations from Ian Leader and Cecilia Heta

Out: Nil

## **REPORTS**

### **Councillor's report from Kandi Ngataki**

Kandi advised that 450 submissions were received for the Avon Road Dog Park plan. 44 people advised that wanted to speak, but only 14 turned up for the hearing.

Results are on the WDC website.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Strategy and Growth / Pokeno Realm**

Garden outside the toilets has been repaired and replanted

### **Treasurer's report**

## **PCC Financial Report 4 November 2024 - 16 Decemb** **Pokeno Community Committee Income and Expenditure Rep** **4 November 2024 - 16 December 2024**

### **Pokeno Community Committee Account**

**Opening  
Balance**

**11845.62**

### **Income**

Pokeno Auto	250
PPP Industries	250
Max Birt Sawmill	200
Red Bull RPC	100
Fers Ltd	100
Mitre 10 Mega Pukekohe	200

### **Expenditure**

	1100	
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>12945.62</b>	
<b><u>Less Expenses</u></b>	<b>0</b>	
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<b>12945.62</b>	

### **Pokeno Community Savings Plus Account**

<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<b>21464.65</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Credit Interest	29.99	Tax on Credit
	<b>29.99</b>	

Accounts to be paid:

Portaloos, Pipe Band and Traffic control for the Santa Parade  
 Moved Helen Clotworthy  
 Seconded Ginny Bullock

### **Communications**

No update.

### **Community Plan**

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

### **Events**

#### **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. Food trucks available

## **Facilities**

### **Sports Park**

WDC had a meeting last week with Sports Waikato, PCC and headmaster of Pokeno school regarding the park

March/April topsoil to be laid and regressed

Access from the school discussed.

Water sports also suggested in water catchment area

Consultants have been chosen to draw up a preliminary Sports Park plan which will be presented to group March 2025.

Children asked to design a sports park and these will be looked at in the new year

**Community Hub** Project Manager is being procured

## **NEIGHBOURING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **KEY WORKS PROGRAMMES**

### **Security Cameras**

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

### **Roading**

Email received on 09 December from Tamlyn Theys (WDC) regarding Roothing

Good progress has been made on a number of projects in Pokeno to improve connectivity, accessibility and create a safer roading environment.

#### **Completed Projects:**

1. **Pokeno Main Street Upgrade:** This project has transformed Great South Road with new paving, road narrowing, traffic calming measures, and a new pedestrian crossing.
2. **Main Street/Great South Road Intersection Upgrade:** A roundabout with wider traffic lanes and mountable kerbs has been constructed to improve safety and functionality.

### **Ongoing Projects:**

3. **Pokeno Sports Park:** Phase 2 earthworks and carpark have been completed. Phase 3 involves transitioning the Concept Plan into a Masterplan.

The Government's focus on Roads of National and Regional Significance has meant that local government roading projects across the country have received limited or no co-funding from NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi. There is currently no funding available to begin construction on the Pokeno Sports Park, however Phase 3 is underway.

The following projects are currently on hold due to the same funding constraints.

### **Paused Projects:**

- **Munro Road Upgrades:** This includes culvert enhancement, road raising, bridge replacement, and roundabout construction. The original design of this project encountered service complications and is currently being re-designed so when funding is available it will be ready for construction.
- **Pokeno Road Upgrades:** This includes shoulder widening, road raising, footpath, bridge replacement and overall road resilience building. Design and consent work for these project is underway to ensure preparedness for when funding becomes available.
- **Helenslee Road:** This includes road widening. Design and consent work for this project is underway to ensure preparedness for when funding becomes available.
- **Dean Road/Fraser Road intersection:** This includes a roundabout construction. Design, land procurement and consent work for this project is underway to ensure preparedness for when funding becomes available.

### **Actions Timeline:**

- **November 2024 - Ongoing:**
  1. Update all individual project pages to reflect the status.
- **Week of 2 December 2024:**
  1. Email update to all councillors following feedback from relevant ward councillors.
  2. Email update to Pokeno Community Committee before News item goes live
- **Week of 9 December 2024:**
  1. News item attached to be shared on the website.
- **December 2024:**
  1. E-Newsletter update scheduled for 12 December in the WDC E-Newsletter.

### **Next Steps:**

The news item intended for the website is attached to this email and linked for your viewing. The intention is for the news item to go up either this evening or early next week.

The overall message for the community is that we are committed to maintaining transparency and keeping you informed about the progress and challenges of these

projects. Updates will be provided when available through various channels, including our website, newsletters, and direct communications.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

In relation to the delay in the development of Munro Road, the Pokeno Committee asks for a further discussion owing to the fact that Munro Road is vital to the development of the new Sports Park

### **Graffiti**

Complaints have been received about graffiti on the back of privately owned buildings in Gateway Park and by the railway. WDC does not clean privately owned buildings so a suggestion was made to contact owners of the buildings regarding a plan to clean up graffiti

### **Man Shed, 3 Church Street**

This is progressing but need large pipes to be removed by WDC due to health and Safety before it can start operating

### **Seating in parks on main street**

Allen raised this matter. Hopefully seating will be put in the park outside the toilets and also across the road outside Market Plaza (with help from store owners)

Design of seats and placement will be from plans yet to be received from Council designers. Costs by community contributions

### **O'Leary/SH2 intersection**

Helen Clotworthy advised a letter has been received from NZTA advising that the intersection is going to be redesigned and the barrier to O'Leary Road from SH2 will be removed to ease vehicles turning left

Meeting closed at 7.55 pm after Chairman Allen Grainger wishes everyone a happy Christmas

## **MEETING DATES 2025**

Tues 28 January

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 22 April

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Possible date for AGM and Election