

POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting of Pokeno Community Committee held on Tuesday 28 May 2024, from postponed 20 May meeting

Present:

Allen Grainger (Chair), Helen Clotworthy (Deputy Chair), Ginny Bullock (Secretary), Bronwyn Heath, Mike Holroyd
Mayor Jacqui Church

Councillors: Vern Reeve, Peter Thomson

Visitors: Will Gauntlett (WDC), Anthony Averill (WDC) Ray Knight (Crossroads Church)

Various members of the public

Apologies

Janet Baillie, Kandi Ngataki, Cecilia Heta, Ian Leader

Moved Helen Clotworthy

Seconded Mike Holroyd

Confirmation of Status of Agenda

Moved Allen Grainger

Seconded Mike Holroyd

Confirmation of previous minutes 08 April 2024

Moved Allen Grainger

Seconded Bronwyn Heath

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

Ray Knight, community pastor, of Crossroads Church gave a presentation. A section of the church has moved from Mangatangi to Pokeno and is based at the Tennis Club Hub in Avon Road. They have 40-50 members
They are hoping to set up “The Storehouse” at a council owned property at 1 Market Street. This is approximately 6000 sq metres with a dilapidated house and a couple of sheds on it.

They are hoping to support police, Oranga Tamariki, mana whenua
3 stages over the next 2-3 years

Men’s Shed to support men in the community, men’s health, cross-cultural
Connection to Te Araroa Trail

Community Garden supporting permaculture, training youth in providing their own food ensuring health and safety is adhered to

Ultimately creating a social enterprise with the help of MBIE. Happy to have public assistance giving incentive to contribute and engage with PCC

There was brief discussion regarding them setting up a trust. There are already 3 or 4 in the Pokeno district

Anthony Averill from WDC advised that their use of 1 Market Street might be short term as it is designated for future use as a railway station and approval will be needed from elected members of council

Taylor Kirkwood (marae project board member) supports the idea of The Storehouse. However it should be known as Pataka – a support for the children, youth and kaumatua of Pokeno

Anthony Averill to refer the idea to council for deliberation

Taylor reminded the meeting that Matariki is Friday 28 June this year and plans are well underway to celebrate it

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Out: Nil

REPORTS

Councillor's report



Councillor Report
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Vern Reeve said that rates are front of mind currently. He reminded the meeting that current capital works programmes already have funding allocated and no new programmes are in the pipeline. He said that the committee should keep pushing for any new projects in the North Waikato. He said that Ray's project is similar to the Tuakau Mental Health initiative which is very successful with over 90 patients in conjunction with Middlemore Hospital

Mayor's report

Jacqui Church advised that current capital projects in Pokeno (sports park, main street, toilets, hub, skatepark) have been in the planning for many years and have full or partial funding. No further capital projects are planned and any further projects will need to have fundraising.

Will Gauntlett advised that 127 written submissions have been received by council regarding rates and these will be discussed next week. He advised that 10 year plan is actually 9 year plan as there was a one year interim plan

Government valuations are delayed and hopefully will be out in the next couple of weeks when ratepayers will be able to go online, enter their address and find out the value of their homes.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Strategy and Growth / Pokeno Realm

Ginny Bullock reported that the main street is nearly complete. The roundabout is going ahead well now that asbestos has been removed. Wellington Street carpark is closed for a few days while the entrance is reconfigured to allow traffic to enter/exit in both directions. She thanked Brian Cathro (Waikato District Alliance) for his regular updates which are very informative and keep us in the loop with progress. She asked that the road south of the main street be resealed to McDonald Road due to the very large potholes, particularly outside the Queens Redoubt. Moved Ginny Bullock
Seconded Mike Holroyd

Treasurer's report



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Helen also advised that she had been in touch with WDC regarding the Discretionary Fund payment and has asked for an update

Communications

Website is being updated and should be ready on Friday

Facilities

Skatepark. Fundraising needed to complete the project. A consultant has been asked to present some options

Munro Road widening has been delayed.

Community Hub. Preference is Option 1. Anthony to go back to council

Toilets. Installation is underway. Modules are ready prebuilt.



Little library. At present the little library is in a temporary place outside the Hall on the main road. It will be moved back to its new site in front of the toilets

NEIGHBOURING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

KEY WORKS PROGRAMMES

Will Gauntlett (WDC) advised that a meeting was held on 17 April regarding the **marae** project on Avon Road. Submissions will be open soon. Council has to adhere to the Reserves Act. It has to advise the intention to grant a lease and to reclassisfy from reserve to marae use

Dog park would be moved to the other side of Tennis Club

Ginny Bullock asked that the seats installed by Pokeno Lions be moved to the new site in the event that the marae is approved

He had a discussion regarding littering in Pokeno. Helen Clotworthy advised that the rubbish in the main street is really bad and that the bins are not emptied. Will said that Alliance has the contract to empty the bins, but they will not work on long weekends. Helen said that this was not acceptable as this long weekend will be one of the busiest times for visitors

Will advised to use Antenno app to report issues.

Security Cameras

Allen Grainger raised this issue. Operation is based in Hamilton and are operated by Hamilton Crime Prevention. Better Off funding of approximately \$300000 available for crime prevention throughout the district. Investigation is underway to look at updated cameras as those originally quoted on have been superseded

Will said to use the "squeaky door" to keep reminding council regarding our cameras

Layby on Pokeno Road

This is now completed and is removed from Works and Issues

Munro Road

Road is due to be closed for up to 4 months for widening and for flood protection to enable access to Sports Park. This has been delayed

One way/no exit Ford Street

Discussions are complete and this will be removed from Works and Issues

He advised that council meetings and workshops are due to be live streamed so that ratepayers can follow the council's business

GENERAL BUSINESS

Taylor Kirkwood advised that plans for Matariki are being discussed and need to be finalised

A suggestion was raised to use Ted Ngatai's carving skills to place a carving under Woolworths shelter on the main street.

Unfortunately, most of the usable wood from the demolished macrocarpa tree in Avon Road has been stolen for firewood. This has been reported to the police. A brief discussion took place to remove what is left and put it in secure place at 1 Market Street

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

MEETING DATES 2024

Monday 01 July

Monday 12 August

Monday 23 September

Monday 04 November

Monday 16 December