



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

MINUTES: COMMITTEE MEETING, Friday 23rd July 2019 at 4.00pm

At the Town Office, School Road, Andamooka SA 5722

Minutes taken: R Mitchell, Written: G Rowley

ITEM #			ACTION:
	PRESENT / IN ATTENDANCE	J Smirnios – Acting Chair Gill Rowley – Treasurer / Acting Secretary Ian Thompson – Vice Treasurer Committee Members: Donna Waters Peter Allen Rodney Mitchell In attendance: Richard Hawkins – APOMA Project & Maintenance Manager; Byron Gough, OCA Governance Manager Mark Brown, OCA	
1	WELCOME / APOLOGIES/ DECLARATIONS	1.1 Apologies: Anthony Johnson, Brenton Musolino, Julie Franklin. 1.2. Declarations: None lodged.	
1.3.	Meeting opened –	1.3.1. 3.00pm - pre-meeting discussion with OCA GR, IT, PA and RH met with the OCA at 3.00pm to discuss prospective contracts and municipal works for 2019-20 to be managed via the Town Office pending outcomes re CARM Agreement. Discussion with OCA continued to 6.35pm when BG and MB (OCA) departed. <i>See item 7 for synopsis.</i> JS left meeting at 6.05pm and delegated IT as his proxy for the rest of the meeting. 1.3.2. Ordinary Committee meeting commenced from 6.35pm	
2	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	Draft Minutes of previous meetings (May & June) were reviewed - meeting July 19th. As the meeting needed to focus on progressing the CARM Agreement, the minutes for May, June and July 19th to be forwarded by email to members for adoption via email.	
2.1	Business Arising	Items on the agenda to be addressed. Others deferred to next committee meeting.	
4	CORRESPONDENCE – <i>bought forward</i>	4.1. Notice of Court Hearing: An action has been lodged by B McFarlane listing APOMA as a co-respondent with the OCA regarding a CCS debt under recovery by the Fines Enforcement Unit.	

		<p>consequences to the town economy and wellbeing, both short and long term.</p> <p>GR – the park is not set up for permanent or long-term residents. Regulations and insurance requirements apply to permanent residency status.</p> <p>Agreed that the park is for visitors only and that police should be immediately contacted to assist with the problem of eviction of locals attempting to reside in the C&C Ground.</p>	
7	OCA – CARM Agreement and budget 2019-20	<p>7.1. CARM Agreement 2018-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign-off of CARM Agreement – OCA told that this cannot happen until the budget has been agreed to for presentation to the community and put to members at the AGM in August for adoption and agreement for APOMA to sign. OCA to seek extension of sign off date to post AGM. • Community Consultation Meeting May: GR raised the issue that several community members were frustrated that the meeting was focussed on issues of debt recovery when they had come as ‘payers’ to put forward their input. It was acknowledged that there was a concentration on debt recovery issues. • ASL – OCA provided an overview of the situation around the ASL – this is undergoing a process to determine whether it will be put under legislation and enforced. Not likely to happen for at least 2 years. Would change the way levies are imposed and funding distributed. Less control than under the current CCS system. <i>Agreed that we need to keep abreast of developments with this.</i> • Anticipated balanced budget – only possible by significant volunteer hours put into administration and project management. Estimated value of labour is over \$200K in past financial year. • Management: 2018-19 has highlighted the impact on volunteers and the pressure and uncertainty of too greater reliance on volunteers to undertake vital positions and tasks. This needs urgent attention and resolving. More funds need to be made available to support a fairer system. <p>7.2. Review of draft budget 2019-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget formulated around actuals for income and expenditure, needs as identified via consultation for primary cost centres 	

		<p>including roads, maintenance and development as well as municipal mgt, together with projections including future directions and rationale re cost vs benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion centred on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>achieving more funds in the current budget</i> to primarily support town administration and the development of income streams. ○ <i>Determining which contracts or which aspects can be continued or moved to local management</i> to the benefit of the community and how. ○ <i>Increasing funding to provide for more rationale on management of roads etc.</i> ○ Determining whether the committee would be acting in the best interests of the community by recommending a sign off on to 2019-20 CARM Agreement. • Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OCA to present for higher consideration, concept as put by GR, of assigning all of the CCS monies collected for the next 3 years to the budget to assist with building a new town management model and income streams to better support the town economy into the future. ○ OCA to assist with seeking funding for development of primary projects that will result in income streams and to attract visitors and new residents. ○ GR & RH to cost and rationalise taking on further opportunities to locally manage contracts and arrangements. To include in revised budget. ○ Rationale for new approach to roads, well accepted by OCA, but needs to be funded. Approach to be made to DPTI. • Consensus was that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the budget as produced for discussion, with changes as proposed following discussion between the OCA and committee, forms a sound mid-line approach to produce a budget that would be considered acceptable to APOMA and to the community for the next financial year. ○ That based on response, the (<i>silent</i>) majority of community members paying the CCS are in favour of the CCS and generally support the budget, management & outcomes. ○ That the major contention across the community and within the committee is that there should be a greater balance of 	
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		<p>funds returned to the community within the budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ That there is more transparency and disclosure around budget allocations and that these must be reviewed to ensure that they are fair and equitable, as agreed to by the OCA, to be undertaken on a quarterly basis with APOMA. ● Agreed that if the committee can succeed in negotiating more funds allocated to the community within the budget as discussed with the OCA, then the Committee would be acting responsibly in the best interests of the community, by recommending the budget is adopted and the CARM Agreement is signed for 2019-20. ● the adjusted budget to be forward to committee via email for approval to be presented to the OCA for agreement. ● once agreed to by the OCA, the budget to be put to members and community at the AGM. If agreed to, the CARM Agreement can be put to the members for agreement for the committee to sign off and to manage on behalf of the community. <p>7.3. Business Plan 2019-23: re post CARM Agreement / or not - as raised by IT at the meeting on the 19th July, the urgent need for the committee to establish a direction on what they wish to achieve from the revised approach to the budget and Town management. Otherwise no rationale to support the proposed changes to funding and the budget.</p> <p>Also need to build community consensus for a new management model.</p> <p>GR – the APOMA Management Plan (2016-21) has primarily done its job and has put the town in a sound and stable financial position. Taking the town forward into a sustainable future now requires formulation of a Business Plan that sets out the way forward and clearly lists the vision, goals, rationale, methodology and actions and also proposed outcomes. OCA agreed this is a necessary action which will assist them to support additional funding opportunities on behalf of Andamooka.</p> <p>GR to work with RH to draft a Business Plan for next five years to 2023. PA and IT to assist. Draft to be put to committee for approval before being presented to members at AGM.</p>	
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