



# Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Inc.

*'Preserving our past and planning for our future'*

**MINUTES: OPEN GENERAL MEETING & COMMUNITY FORUM, 31 MARCH 2019 at 1.30pm**

Andamooka Community Hall, Opal Creek Blvd, Andamooka SA 5722

Minutes taken: Claudia Mitchell, Written: C Mitchell/G Rowley

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| ITEM # |                                |  | ACTION: |
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| 1      | <b>WELCOME</b>                 | <p><b>Meeting opened: 1.30pm</b></p> <p>Chairman, John Wilby welcomed the attendees, thanked them for attending and opened the meeting to non-members in attendance.</p>   |         |
| 2      | <b>PRESENT / IN ATTENDANCE</b> | <p><b>Committee Present:</b><br/>           John Wilby (Chair)<br/>           Ian Thompson (Vice Chair/ Sub Treasurer)<br/>           Claudia Mitchell – Minute Secretary<br/>           Anthony Johnson<br/>           Brenton Musolino<br/>           John Smirnios</p> <p><b>Financial Members Present</b><br/>           Richard Hawkins – APOMA Project Manager,<br/>           Tanya Simpson – APOMA events coordinator<br/>           (per attendance list) Greg Grace, Peter Allan,<br/>           R Christensen, Rodney Mitchell, C Christensen,<br/>           R Mitchell, D Waters, R McKenzie, B McFarlane,<br/>           A Smoker, G Smoker, Janet Weber, Mel Crocker,<br/>           K Wilby, A White<br/>           E Christensen &amp; B Johnson arrived late.</p> <p><b>Renewals lapsed membership:</b><br/>           Jae Grace</p> <p><b>Quorum of 25 financial members.</b></p> <p><b>New Member Application requests 31 March 2019:</b><br/> <i>(subject to acceptance)</i><br/>           Julia Mourant<br/>           Chris Bohlin<br/>           Dragunit Antic (Tarzan)<br/>           Jordan Walkington<br/>           Rodney Henderson<br/>           Junita Lyon</p> <p><b>Non-members in Attendance:</b><br/>           P Killeen, J&amp; J Bohlin, C Felice, P Rogers, G Hughes,<br/>           C Sharp, A Groechel, and also,<br/>           SAPol representatives – Snr Sargent Paul Roberts<br/>           from Port Augusta, accompanied by 4 officers.</p> |         |

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| 2.1 | <b>APOLOGIES</b>            | <b>Apologies:</b> Brenda Ivetic, B Weber, H Gordon, J Franklin, G Rowley, L Rowley.  |  |
| 2.3 | <b>LODGEMENT OF PROXIES</b> | No proxies lodged for the meeting.<br>Member B McFarlane drew notice of a Proxy from member Jim Rogers to non-member Paul Rogers which was not accepted. Paul Rogers is not a member and the proxy was not lodged as required by the Constitution.   |  |
| 3.  | <b>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b> | <p><b>3.1. Chairman’s report</b> Focussed on current achievements &amp; forward plans &amp; encourage community involvement in the CARM community consultation.</p> <p><b>3.2 Treasurers report</b></p> <p><b>3.2.1. 2017-18 Budget:</b> I Thompson with budget report displayed on screen - half yearly budget update as given to OCA. Copies to be made available at Town Office or via email.<br/>CARM 2019-20 funding expected to be same as for 2018-19.</p> <p>a) <i>Question re OCA / APOMA funds in budget.</i><br/>IT: \$30,000 reduction from 2018-19 budget funding. APOMA negotiated funds back before sign off and community in support the CARM Agreement at the OCA 2018 consultation meeting.</p> <p>b) Member P Allen – should not be looking at indicative vote on next CARM agreement re the budget until we have an authorised budget draft presented by the OCA.</p> <p>Discussion deferred to item 5 of the agenda.<br/>Budget &amp; futures report was deferred by the chairman &amp; copies would be made available at the town office for those interested.</p> <p>c) J Maurant - question from the floor asked if the meeting is being minuted. Request re copies of other minutes.<br/>Informed copies are available on website.</p> <p><b>3.2. SAPol open discussion</b></p> <p>Sargent Paul Roberts, Port Augusta gave overview of situation with police in Andamooka. The position has not been filled. Staff members but not enough police with 200 vacancies in country SA. Short across SA country regions.<br/>Re Andamooka Police Station – until position filled so that locals feel more secure, would look at having officer at Andamooka on one day week roster.<br/>If not an emergency but urgent use call centre 131444.</p> |  |

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|    |                         | <p>Questions fielded from the floor and encouraged community to register complaints re policing on police complaints line.</p> <p><b>3.3. Dog &amp; cat control</b> – J Weber concerned with recent attacks. Discussed with OCA who are responsible – Town Office will assist community members to report incidents.</p> <p><b>3.4. Commonwealth Productivity Commission review of remote area tax concessions and payment review meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> April.</b></p> <p><b>3.5. Miners meeting</b> re ILUA and new rates, 9<sup>th</sup> April.</p>  |  |
| 4. | <b>CURRENT PROJECTS</b> | <p>4.1 <b>Project Report</b> – Richard Hawkins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New kitchen/workshop nearing completion</li> <li>- Completed access way at cemetery</li> <li>- Aquaponics – will recommence mid-year</li> </ul> <p>4.2 Not presented.</p> <p>4.3 Deferred.</p>  |  |
| 5  | CARM Agreement 2019-20  | <p><b>5.1. Discussion around community voting for the CARM Agreement:</b></p> <p>IT: Voting for sign off will not occur until community agreement with OCA to proceed.</p> <p><b>Immediate questions from the floor.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why should members paying \$400 pay APOMA membership fees?</li> <li>- Number of community/members unhappy with ‘non-binding’ vote.</li> <li>- Question as to who signs up for the town.</li> </ul> <p>IT – under non-binding vote everyone, member or non-member gets to vote to have APOMA to sign off the Agreement and manage funds on behalf of community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- B McFarlane – stated that APOMA is not allowing the community to vote on the CARM Agreement – proposed change to constitution to allow community to vote.</li> </ul> <p>IT – every CARM Agreement goes through lawyers and government. OCA consultation meeting needs community to attend to discuss concerns with agreement and/or budget. OCA need to have community support to progress the agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some community members believe that they are not informed well enough about the meetings.</li> </ul> <p>IT: APOMA will assist with publicising the OCA and APOMA meetings more widely – try letterbox drops.</p> <p>The 2019-20 CARM Agreement and budget will be tabled at the OCA consultation meeting before progressing to the APOMA member and</p> |  |

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|      |   | <p>community meeting where there will be voting for APOMA to sign off.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- B McFarlane – the CCS needs to come back to the table.</li> </ul> <p>John Wilby: The CCS is an OCA responsibility and it is tabled annually by the OCA at their consultation meeting for the community to consider. He then stated that this is why the community need to be part of the consultation process with the OCA.</p>  |   |
| 6    | <b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>                   | Items 6.1. and 6.2. Deferred due to not having a proposed OCA CARM agreement in hand and general consensus was it is not worth discussing at this time.  |   |
| 7    | <b>Other Business</b>                   | No items lodged for other business   |   |
| 8.1. | <b>QUESTIONS INVITED FROM THE FLOOR</b> | <p>Before closing the meeting, Chairman J Wilby invited informal questions from the floor:<br/>A number of questions were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCS imposed on leasehold – needs questioning.</li> <li>• Wrong billing on properties</li> <li>• What does the community get for their contribution?</li> <li>• Is the Flinders Ranges Council who collect CCS payments in financial difficulties?</li> </ul> <p>B McFarlane then attempted to raise a motion at the meeting which he declared to be seconded by proxy of Jim Rogers.<br/>IT responded that the motion was invalid. There had been no proxies lodged prior to the meeting and that any proxies presented or declared at this meeting are not valid.<br/>Also that the item can be lodged for the next general meeting.</p> | APOMA to follow up on the questions and concerns with OCA to provide answers during the consultation process. |
| 8.2  | <b>CLOSURE</b>                          | <p>There being no further business, Chairman J Wilby commenced with closing the meeting and several members left the room.</p> <p>At that point J Smirnios raised his concerns with the CARM process and a disruptive incident occurred where several members attempted to take a vote on the invalid motion presented by B. McFarlane.<br/>Once again, the motion was declared to be invalid.</p> <p>Member B McFarlane approached the Minutes Secretary and insisted that the motion be scribed in the minutes. In the commotion, C Mitchell felt under duress and so noted the wording being dictated with the intention of checking the validity of this being included in her notes. There was no record made about or at the time of, that group of members taking a vote.</p>                                     |   |

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|   |  | <p>The Chair had continued with closing the meeting and thanked all in attendance for their attendance.</p> <p>Next meeting: proposed May 2019 at a date to be advised.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Meeting closed at 3.39pm</b></p>  |  |   |  |
| <p>J Wilby, I Thompson, C Mitchell, D Waters, R McKenzie, A Johnson, and R Hawkins wish to register that they did not take part in voting during the incident surrounding the attempted motion (item 8.1)</p> |  |   |  |

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 John Smirnios, Acting Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2019