



Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS, 9 JUNE 2019 at 1.30pm

Andamooka Community Hall, Opal Creek Blvd, Andamooka SA 5722

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

ITEM #			ACTION:
1	WELCOME	<p>Meeting opened: 1.40pm</p> <p><i>Acting Chairman, John Smirnios welcomed the attendees and explained that the major purpose of the meeting was for the members to discuss the direction which will take the Association forward into the future and most importantly, direction for the committee in representing the members in regard to future town management and funding.</i></p>	
2	PRESENT / IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Committee Present: John Smirnios (Acting Chair) Claudia Mitchell (Acting Secretary) Gill Rowley (Treasurer) Peter Allen <i>Incoming committee secondment:</i> Rodney Mitchell</p> <p>Financial Members Present: Richard Hawkins – APOMA Project Manager, R Christensen, C Christensen, H Gordon, B McFarlane, B Addington, A Heath, M McDevitt, G McDevitt, R Daly, B Burge.</p> <p>Quorum of 16 (corrected Aug 2019) financial members confirmed.</p> <p>Members Present (non-financial): <i>(corrected Aug 2019 – voting adjusted accordingly)</i> E Christensen</p> <p>New Member Applicants in Attendance: <i>(subject to acceptance)</i> V Kapaklis</p> <p>Non-members in Attendance: P Killeen, J & J Bohlin.</p>	
2.1	APOLOGIES	Apologies: A Johnson, I Thompson, J Franklin, B Musolino, K Bartram, R McKenzie,	
2.3	LODGEMENT OF PROXIES	Four members lodged proxies for the meeting: R Hancock, proxy – P Allen E Hancock, proxy – P Allen L Rowley, proxy – G Rowley D Waters, proxy – G Rowley Total attendance financial members: 20	
2.4	PREVIOUS MINUTES	Drafts of minutes from previous member meetings were made available to members for discussion:	

		<p>Question: B McFarlane questioned why the motion he put at the Open Members Meeting on 31 March 2019 was not included in the minutes when he had requested that inclusion.</p> <p><i>Response:</i> GR - the motion was not included as it was declared invalid at the meeting. His request had been considered by the committee who have responded by including their agreed version of events around that incident within the minutes.</p> <p>B McFarlane then stated that the motion should be included as it was voted on by members.</p> <p><i>Response:</i> GR- Committee discussion had raised a number of concerns which were outlined to the members at the meeting and that some had been set aside for later discussion as they formed part of the review underway around the CARM Agreement.</p>	
3.	GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>3.1. Current status of APOMA Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting positions - Acting Chair, Acting Vice Chair and Acting Secretary. • Secondments as read – Peter Allen and Rodney Mitchell. • Claudia Mitchell stepping down from Committee due to personal reasons and Rodney Mitchell stepping onto the Committee effective from end of the meeting. • Nominations for committee positions open on Monday 10 June. <p>3.2 Current Status of the Association: Treasurer G Rowley presented a report to explain the complex dynamics between APOMA, community and OCA inclusive of funding, grants and management with the quarterly financial report and budget outcomes to 31 March 19 on screen.</p> <p>3.2.1. Quarterly finance report: Independent quarterly report to end March 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few minor adjustments made to fields for better clarity • All in line with budget expectations • Copies available by request • Plan to set quarterly open meetings to keep the members and community informed and provide for planning participation on a regular basis. <p>3.2.2. Anticipated financial status at end of financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018-19 Budget – in line with budget expectations with likelihood of balanced budget at EOFY • APOMA income - is separate from CARM Community funds but supplements community income. 	

- **Membership** - subscriptions cover the costs of association and members eg: mail outs and meetings – costs of membership are not taken from CARM community funding.
- **Caravan & Camp Ground** - income higher than budgeted – unbudgeted cost of construction of shade shelter will be mostly covered by additional income. Surplus at EOFY to futures for development and replacements.
- **Hall** - income on target. More from hall hire this year. Some funds allocated to the new kitchen/workshop. Any surplus to futures.
- **Bus** – income increased by additional use by darts group. \$1000 set aside from CARM funding for replacement anticipated 2022/3. Total \$3000 in allocated fund acc to offset grant for this. Budget shortfall will be covered via APOMA income for 2018-19.
- **Community programs** – CARM funding split over several groups including volunteers, arts, youth and wellbeing. If used as \$500 grant offsets, this can convert to around \$20,000 in small grant funding for programs. APOMA income supplements youth and some other community programs at committee discretion.

Question: M McDevitt – asked what is happening with the fitness group as the CWA may take back the donated TV if they are not going to be using it.
Response: GR - that APOMA has received a grant to fund a mobile dividing wall, adjustments to the youth space and storage space for users including youth and the fitness group which will assist with harmony between regular users. The Wellbeing grant has been extended to fund activities so it is hoped that they will be starting up again soon with these upgrades in place. The TV is used by youth and other community activities.

3.2.3. Asset & project management & grants:

- Community Kitchen/workshop – up to fit-out stage funded by fundraising and sponsorships.
- Grader shed upgrade – extension on grant to end August – work expected to be completed.
- C&C Ground shelter almost completed.
- Hall improvements – grant offset by in-kind and some funds from hall income.
- Greening project had \$4000 carry over from 2017-18 with around \$3000 remaining for spending on future greening projects due to cost savings of CDP labour.
- Community Asset Maintenance – funds held in a separate account with an allocation retained at EOFY for replacements – eg: defunct hall air-conditioner replaced with a ducted unit. Ceiling fans need to be removed – seeking volunteer

		<p>labour provided by Frontier Services as cost of this around \$19,000 which is prohibitive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roads are separate from the CCS. Funded by DPTI. Need more funding for town roads. <p>Questions from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P Allen: Why are roads to properties that are classified as outside of the town's boundaries not maintained under town roads funding yet owners pay the CCS levy? <p>GR: there are several properties affected by this approach, yet other roads are maintained such as White Dam and properties out towards the dump. This and other road issues to be resolved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B McFarlane queried why community works are not put out for tender. <p>RH: Most projects would not go ahead without volunteer or CDP labour which counts as in-kind and given equal value to cash in grants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrian Lights not working <p>RH/JS: need community to report. Lights have old technology so if beyond repair will be replaced with new technology through asset maintenance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Burge re interpretive signs at cottages which need replacing. <p>GR: work is being done on this – on the priority list and \$1300 funds allocated for this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L Christensen – where are the young people of this town? No-one under 50 at this meeting. <p>Generally agreed with. Highlights risk of the Association being responsible for providing the level of volunteer management currently expected.</p> <p>GR – Assets Sustainability Levy (ASL) is currently being prepared to be put under legislation and could be introduced in 2 years' time. This will change how community contributions are collected and managed. Although we need to work out a way forward for 2019-20 & 21, now is the critical time for the community to engage in constructive discussion for a clear direction to negotiate about managing, developing and sustaining the town into the future.</p> <p>Question: A Heath: What do we know about concessions being taken away from out of areas vehicle registration.</p> <p>RH – This will be happening. Details will be sent out from DPTI.</p> <p><i>At this point, GR gave a synopsis of outcomes of the discussion. The committee needs the direction of members if they wish for them to move forward with negotiating with government around management, budgets and funding.</i></p>	
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		<p>3.2.4: Contracts & Agreements 2018-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café Lease Agreement – new more detailed '1 plus 1' lease agreement with allowance for depreciation replacing the original agreement. Due for renewal 1 July 2019 and requires approval of members. <p>J Smirnios raised the concept of a power meter for the café so that lessees pay their own power bill.</p> <p>Motion: That the members approve the new café lease.</p> <p>Moved: B Addington Seconded: A Heath For: 17 (13+4 by proxy) Against: 0 CARRIED</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APOMA contracts: B McFarlane proposed a motion should be made that requires jobs funded by APOMA to be put out to tender and awarded to local tradesmen and contractors. <p>Discussion: RH explained that the general policy is to put work/contracts that are paid, out for local tender. Small jobs are usually given to locals who regularly work on APOMA projects and town maintenance. This is time and energy efficient. Quotes are called for grant submissions and jobs awarded in line with grant requirements if won. In-kind labour and donated works attract equal value to cash so this is frequently used to off-set one-for-one funding which gains far greater value from grants.</p> <p>RH will apply a tender process to cash paid jobs over a set amount which are not under grant conditions.</p> <p>Motion: That APOMA cash contracts above \$500 are tendered out.</p> <p>Moved: B McFarlane Seconded: A Heath—as in line with the conditions outlined by R Hawkins: For: 17 (13+4 by proxy) Against: 0 CARRIED</p>	RH to develop a policy & procedure for tenders to maintain consistency into the future.
	Items 3.2.5 – 3.4.	Deferred to later meeting.	
	Item 3.5.	OCA consultation outcomes not available. Other matters addressed in item 3.2.	
4	Other Business	No items lodged for other business.	
<p>At the close of the meeting, Gill Rowley drew the members attention to Claudia Mitchell who is stepping down from the committee for personal reasons, and thanked her for the work she has done on the committee and also for her valuable help in the Town Office and with APOMA events. Claudia will be continuing her volunteer assistance in the office and with events.</p> <p>This was met with a round of applause.</p>			
Meeting closed at 3.35pm			

Signed: _____
John Smirnios, Acting Chairman

Date: _____ 2019