

## **Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.**

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

MINUTES: ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING, Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 6.30pm

At the Town Office, School Road, Andamooka SA 5722

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

ITEM #			ACTION:
	PRESENT / IN ATTENDANCE	John Wilby – Chair, Ian Thompson Vice Chair / Vice Treasurer, Gill Rowley – Treasurer / Secretary - outgoing, Claudia Mitchell – minutes secretary, Committee Members: Donna Waters John Smirnios Julie Franklin In attendance: nil	
1	WELCOME / APOLOGIES/ DECLARATIONS	Meeting opened: 6.40pm  1.1 Apologies: Dee Adams, Brenton Musolino (available by phone), Anthony Johnson, Richard Hawkins.  1.2. Declarations: None lodged.  1.3. The Chair declared that following the extended planning meeting in February that this short meeting is being held to focus on matters that require attention prior to the members meeting 31 March, and EOM.	
2	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	Minutes for previous meetings presented for adoption:  Motion: That the minutes of the extended Committee Planning Meeting held 17 February 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.  Moved: IT Seconded: CM All in favour Passed	
2.1.	Business Arising	2.1.1. Follow up on member vs non-member voting.  Binding and non-binding votes defined.  There are two types of non-binding votes which together could work well around community matters for the committee and the members for ascertaining either, the general direction or preference, or the general priority or agreement of the community on a whole of community level:	

- Indicative non-binding vote can be used to get an indication of opinion or support – so this would be appropriate for the annual March Community/General meeting to gain an indication of community/members support of the CARM Agreement both current and future to assist their direction with that.
- Advisory non-binding vote used for voters to advise their position pertaining to a decision or action so appropriate to use at the community / member meeting following the OCA consultation process and negotiation of any issues raised by or on behalf of the community, to advise the Committee of the wishes of the community re progressing or not with the CARM Agreement, and secondly re having the APOMA committee sign off on the Agreement and manage the funds on their behalf.

Non-member binding votes could be difficult to manage and risk compromising the Association's and members right to deny, in particular re taking on the burden of the CARM Agreement and its responsibilities and workload.

Non-binding votes if put across the floor equally for members and non-members would take away that risk and the risk of setting a precedence which could force wider use of that process, and could:

- firstly (via indicative non-binding vote) establish if the community inclusive of members, wish to move ahead with a CARM Agreement so that the committee are confident to move towards a CARM Agreement or otherwise;
- secondly (via an advisory non-binding vote) following the OCA consultation process, to determine if the community wish APOMA to sign off and manage the Agreement. There are also questions around whether this vote should be divided into specific groups, e.g. CCS payer specific and resident community and weighted accordingly. So not as simple as it appears on the surface.

In relation to the CARM Agreement, once this vote is determined, that is the point where member binding votes would be taken re members agreeing or otherwise, to APOMA taking on, signing off and managing the CARM Agreement for the next FY.

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Action: members and community to be informed re community non-binding vote for March meeting.
Put this in Newsletter.
Also overview of where the funds are spent and what they include. GR to work with JW & IT on this.

It was considered that this may not be the 'silver bullet' for a solution long term but it could be tried as an indicative vote for at least this March meeting to get an indication of whether the community and members support this approach.

This process could be applied more broadly in open meetings to other matters of community interest where a community vote would be appropriate.

**Motion**: That at community forums and open meetings that non-binding votes are taken as appropriate on issues or matters of community concern from across the floor inclusive of both APOMA members and nonmembers from the Andamooka community.

Moved: GR Seconded: JF
All in favour Passed

- 2.1.2. Police will be present at the members meeting to discuss issues around local police presence and policing with the community.
- 2.1.3. Other items are covered within the agenda.

## 3. NOTES FROM INFORMAL MEETING – OCA, TOWN OFFICE & APOMA

Present: Byron Gough & Mark Brown, OCA; Ian Thompson, Gill Rowley and Dee Adams, at APOMA, Town Office.

## 3.1. General Discussion:

Update on Asset Maintenance, OCA Goods & Services Contract, 2018-19 budget and expectations and issues around the CARM Budget for 2019-20.

## Other Items discussed:

- 3.1.1. Responsibilities re dog & cat issues OCA's responsibility but difficult to manage from Pt Augusta. General complaints can be reported to OCA or at Town Office office to assist complaint calls to OCA. Serious or urgent issues need to be reported to police. If not responded to, this needs to be reported to the OCA.
- 3.1.2. **Insurances** Assets & P/L covered under CARM Agreement new system will not increase costs much differently to CPI but will make claims and management much easier for Andamooka.
- 3.1.3. **Torrens Rd Upgrade** funds waiting to be cleared through Government needs follow up. BG to follow up through OCA.
- 3.1.4. **Office photocopier** now out of contract and written-off so handed over to the Town Office but service will be the

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	responsibility of the Town Office Topers to be	
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	3.2. Population Growth and future planning – Currently estimated at over 400 – census at 320 – anticipated could rise to 600 over next 2-3 years.  This affects level of government funding and servicing for the town and there also needs to be forward planning to meet future needs. Idea has been raised to conduct an informal census in the town to gain a better picture of the population demographics and sectors to assist with funding and demand for services.	Action: put article in Newsletter to encourage community support to establish the true population. GR to draft.
TREASURERS REPORT	<ul> <li>4.1.1. GR reported that the quarterly report was being finalised ready for the March 31 meeting but some late revisions required due to differences in CDP funding system. Once completed will be emailed out to committee for approval to present at the member meeting. The monthly reports can then be produced and the next quarter to end March can be completed after end April. The new system, which is working very well, will then be fully functional for the last quarter and onward.</li> <li>4.1.2. Financials to end February 2019: at bank: As presented</li> <li>4.1.3. Payments for approval: Payments presented for approval.</li> <li>Motion: That payments and the financials as presented be approved and accepted. Moved: IT Seconded: JF All in favour Passed</li> </ul>	
i	Nil	
CONNESPONDENCE	presentation of correspondence – CM presented correspondence for discussion.  5.1. STAR Club – opportunity for APOMA to take membership. Assists with winning grants around sport and recreation. Also various workshops open to volunteers. Agreed that APOMA should apply for membership.  5.1. Advice re ILUA meeting with APOMA / miners – 9 <sup>th</sup> April.  5.3. Donna Waters' resignation – due to increasing commitments with youth, study and outside of Andamooka.	Action: GR & DA to progress application.  Action: put out advice via email, Facebook and notices.
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		DW agreed to remain as ex-officio member	
		when available, representing youth and	
		assisting as indigenous liaison.	
		JW thanked DW on behalf of the committee	
		for her contributions towards the Association	
		and the community and for agreeing to	
		continue to assist the committee in the future.	
		<b>Motion:</b> That D Waters resignation is	
		accepted and that the correspondence as	
		presented be accepted.	
		Moved: GR Seconded: IT	
		All in favour Passed	
5.2.	Business Arising:	5.2.1. Town Office formalities:	
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		IT presented the OH&S safety procedures,	
		guidelines and forms for APOMA Office for	
		signing off on behalf of R Hawkins. There were	
		no questions arising from the draft documents	
		presented at the November meeting so the	
		following motion was put.	
		Motion: That the Town Office OH&S and	
		safety procedures are signed off.	
		Moved: GR Seconded: CM	
		All in favour Passed	
6	REPORTS:	6.1. <b>OCA</b> :	
		Waiting on date for Community Consultation	
		forum – IT suggested that better if there was	
		more OCA contact with community during this	
		time.	
		GR – reported that she & IT requested clarity	
		around the nature and extent of the CARM	
		'community' debt so that this can be reported	
		to the community at the March meeting.	
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		It was disclosed that the overall debt was in	
		the order of \$350k	
		Not a debt owned by the whole	
		community, but by the those who	
		owed CCS payments and	
		<ul> <li>this was currently being recovered by</li> </ul>	
		the DPTI recovery unit and that this is	
		likely in some cases to now progress	
		to seizure of goods and chattels,	
		also that a number of residents had	
		now entered into payment plans so	
		recovery was progressing.	
		Of the overall debt, around \$100,000 is owed	
		back to the community, but as full recovery is	
		unlikely, this is more likely to be in the vicinity	
		of \$50,000-\$70,000.	
		GR enquired how this would be returned to	
		the community.	
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		After discussion it was proposed that the most benefit may be gained by progressive payments of amounts that could offset and allow for winning major grants for significant community projects as determined by the community.  This approach was seen as being achievable & still open for discussion.  This concept to be put to the community for consideration at the March 31 <sup>st</sup> meeting.	
7	MEMBERSHIP	<ul> <li>7.1. Membership – T Simpson keeping membership list up to date.</li> <li>GR will work with her on final list of current financial members for meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March.</li> <li>7.2. Members code of conduct – deferred</li> </ul>	
8.	OTHER BUSINESS	8.1. Events – March/April T Simpson is managing Easter markets and Friday BBQ and ANZAC Day with assistance from others in Office. Need volunteers to cook BBQ for March 31st. GR unavailable - will be away for period's pre- Easter until mid-May due to personal and family reasons. IT – away for Easter - overseas till end April. All other business deferred to next Ordinary Meeting.	
9.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Open Member Meeting, 31 March 2019.  Next Ordinary Meeting to be held end April at a date TBD.	
Meeting	l closed at 8.28pm		

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Signed:	, Chair	Date:	April 2019
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