

Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

22 October 2015

Meeting No. 55

Members:

C Woolford (Chair)

G Beltchev, J Booth, J Ferguson, J Fort, M Marsland, C Michelmore



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Meeting held at 399 Halifax Street, Adelaide on 22 October 2015 at 10.00 am

Present:

C Woolford (Chair)

G Beltchev, J Ferguson, J Fort, M Marsland, C Michelmores (OCA Members), A Hart (Office of Local Government), M Sutton, B Gough and B Honan (OCA staff).

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Ms Lyn Breuer, Chair of the Andamooka Town Management Committee, Ms Alex Hart, Acting Manager, Office of Local Government and Members to the meeting.

An apology was received from Member Booth.

2. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Ms Lyn Breuer, Chair of the Andamooka Town Management Committee attended to provide a deputation regarding the withdrawal of medical services from Andamooka by Frontier Services.

Ms Breuer advised that there are many Andamooka residents that are concerned about the future of medical services once Frontier Services cease operations in Andamooka at the end of November 2015.

Ms Breuer advised that the Marla community is currently serviced by Frontier Services and faces the same fate as Andamooka.

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) noted Ms Breuer's concerns and understands that there is an opportunity to tender to provide medical services once Frontier Services cease operations. Ms Breuer advised that currently volunteers provide the Andamooka ambulance service on a 24/7 basis and if the ambulance service in the future is only available from Roxby Downs, a time delay of 1.5 hours can be expected.

The OCA agreed to contact Country Health and request a copy of the service specifications that are planned to be included in the tender for health services to be delivered in Andamooka, with the view that the OCA would provide comment back to Country Health.



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Moved by Member Marsland
Seconded by Member Michelmore

That the OCA contact Country Health to ascertain what contingency plans are in place to ensure the continuation of medical services in the outback if Frontier Services cease to operate.

Carried.

Ms Breuer advised the Members that there were some concerns in Andamooka regarding access to pastoral properties surrounding Andamooka.

The Governance Manager (Gov M) advised that he will investigate and will provide any information he receives to the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association.

Ms Breuer departed from the meeting.

10.50am meeting adjourned.

11.40am meeting reconvened.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

3.1 Oodnadatta Development Project

The OCA discussed the progress made by the Project Manager in Oodnadatta and after extensive discussion the following motion was made:

Moved by Member Ferguson
Seconded by Member Michelmore

That the OCA:

- *Agrees to allocate funding for the remaining 2015-16 year for the Project Manager Oodnadatta project, recognising that this will require substantial budget reallocation from the community development budget for that period.*
- *As a matter of urgency, engage with other agencies to match the OCA's ongoing investment, but more importantly capture no less than 3 years of ongoing funding support.*

Carried.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Member Ferguson advised that she is a member of the Beltana Progress Association.

It is noted that there are no declarations of conflict of interest.



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5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2015 were circulated.

**Moved by Member Marsland
Seconded by Member Ferguson**

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) meeting held on 13 August 2015, number 54 be adopted.

Carried.

5.2 Business arising from minutes.

5.2.1 Outback Waste Management (Ref. Agenda Item N13 – 05/11, Meeting No. 39 and N14 – 01/03, Meeting No. 45)

The Governance Manager (Gov M) advised that since the OCA's meeting held in August 2015, there has been a further exchange of information. The Gov M will continue to follow up on this matter.

5.2.2 Community Insurance Review (Ref. Agenda Item 6.2, Meeting No. 50)

The Gov M advised that a summary of information received from the Crown Solicitor will be provided to the Members at the next OCA meeting.

5.2.3 Risk Management Framework (General Discussion, Meeting No. 51)

This matter was discussed at a workshop held on Wednesday 21 October 2015, therefore this matter can be removed from the meeting action list.

5.2.4 Draft 2015-16 Annual Business Plan and Budget (Ref. Agenda Item N15 - 02/08, Meeting No. 54)

The Dir confirmed that the Minister for Local Government approved the OCA's 2015-16 Annual Business Plan and Budget on 12 September 2015, therefore this item can be removed from the meeting action list.

5.2.5 Insurance – Ongoing Arrangements (Ref. Agenda Item N15 - 03/08, Meeting No. 54)

The Dir advised that correspondence has been forwarded to Local Government Risk Services and the Mutual Liability Scheme, therefore this item can be removed from the meeting action list.

5.2.6 Financial and Procurement Authority Delegations (Ref. Agenda Item N15 - 05/08, Meeting No. 54)

The Dir advised that this matter has been included in the meeting agenda and therefore can be removed from the meeting action list.

5.2.7 Economic Reporting (Ref. Urgent Business, Meeting No. 54)

The Dir advised that due to the very heavy workload associated with Leigh Creek this matter has not progressed as quickly as envisaged and is ongoing.



- 5.2.8 Leigh Creek Operations (Ref. Urgent Business, Meeting No. 54)
The Dir confirmed that the OCA Chair and Members Beltchev and Ferguson will continue to be involved in preliminary discussions regarding the future of the Northern Flinders region and that the decision to form a committee will be discussed at the OCA's next meeting. The Chair thanked the OCA staff for their support during the past busy month.
- 5.2.9 Business Plan Progress Report (Ref. Agenda Item No. 8, Meeting No. 54)
The Dir confirmed that this matter was discussed at a workshop earlier in the day and therefore this item can be removed from the meeting action list.
- 5.2.10 Member's Report (Ref. Agenda Item 10, Meeting No. 54)
The Dir confirmed that a response has been forwarded and therefore this item can be removed from the meeting action list.
- 5.2.11 Andamooka Town Management Committee (Ref. Agenda Item 11.1, Meeting No. 54)
The Gov M confirmed that a review of the current Terms of Reference for the Andamooka Town Management Committee is ongoing.
- 5.2.12 Director's Report (Ref. Agenda Item 12, Meeting No. 54)
The Dir confirmed that an update regarding the traineeship program is included in his report in the agenda and therefore this matter can be removed from the meeting action list.

6. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

7. OCA BUSINESS

7.1 OCA Project Grant Assessment, Round 1, 2015-16 (Ref. N15 – 01/10)

The Dir advised that Round 1 of the Project Grant program was released in August 2015 and the OCA received 10 submissions seeking funding. The Dir confirmed that the assessment panel had considered the 10 submissions against OCA criteria and priorities and subsequently approved them for funding. The Dir advised that it is pleasing to see such a diverse range of outback projects and events seeking OCA support.



**Moved by Member Beltchev
Seconded by Member Fort**

That the OCA noted the approval by the Director for 10 project grants in the OCA Grant Program, Round 1 2015-16 at a total cost to the OCA of \$38,269.

Carried.

7.2 Actions Completed Under Delegation (Ref. N15 - 02/10)

The Instrument of Delegation approved by the OCA is reviewed on an annual basis. The review includes a register of actions that have been completed under delegation. The Dir tabled the register for 2014-15 for the Members to consider.

The OCA noted the record of actions taken under delegation. The OCA requested that a new Instrument of Delegation be provided for the November meeting.

7.3 Dealing with Public Enquiries (Ref. N15 - 03/10)

This matter was adjourned until the OCA's November meeting.

8. BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

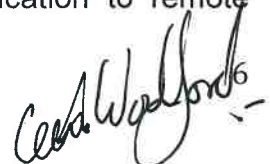
The Members noted the OCA 2015-16 Business Plan progress report and agreed that the amendments to the report now provide sufficient information.

9. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Chair thanked Member Beltchev for Chairing the August meeting.

The Chair provided the following summary of meetings and events that she has attended, leading up to this meeting:

- Met with Ms M Patetsos and Ms J Gascoigne from the Local Government Grants Commission to discuss future Financial Assistance Grants funding.
- Participated in Minister Brock's Regions in focus group, along with Member Fort and previous OCA board member, Mrs F Frahn.
- Attended a community session in Salisbury for the Nuclear Royal Commission where a brief note was provided to the Commission.
- Whilst at the RDA National Conference in Canberra, attended meetings with the Minister for Education, Minister for Small Business, Minister Turnbull, the Minister and Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Senator Ruston from South Australia and Mr Brendan Nelson. All meetings were productive providing the opportunity to discuss matters of high importance to the outback including the delivery of education to remote



areas, the downturn in mining activity, sealing the Strzelecki Track, internet and NBN access and the OCA's Outback Memorial project.

- The Outback Climate Change Adaption Plan is now in development with funding sourced from the State Government and regional partners. The main innovation in the planning is to develop a new 'Adaptive Economy Agenda'. An economic forum is being piloted with the Adelaide Adaption Plan Development in early 2016.
- Accompanied Minister Brock on an outback trip which visited Andamooka, William Creek, Oodnadatta, Marla and Glendambo communities and also Allendale Station. The trip provided various opportunities to meet with local community members and residents which was very well received.

10. MEMBER'S REPORT

There were no Member Reports tabled.

11. SECTION 11 COMMITTEES REPORTS

11.1 Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC)

Minutes from the Andamooka Town Management Committee held on 21 July 2015 were tabled.

The OCA noted the ATMC meeting minutes.

12. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Dir tabled his report and advised the Members that his time continues to be dominated by the announcement that Alinta Energy will cease operations in Leigh Creek and what the future may hold for the community and broader region. The Dir confirmed that mining operations will cease on 17 November 2015 although Alinta will continue to maintain the town with the Alinta employees it supports, until July 2018. The Dir advised that a Strategic Options study for the future of Leigh Creek is being conducted and that he is part of the steering/reference committee involved with the study.

The Dir confirmed that Jane Lomax-Smith has been appointed by the Premier to oversee support for unsolicited opportunities for a future Leigh Creek.

The Dir advised that a workshop held in Leigh Creek on 14 October was well attended. The workshop was held to verify the contents of the Community Views Report prepared by the Community Engagement Team for the State Government and to initiate conversation and ideas of what the Northern Flinders Region might look like in the future.

The Dir advised that at the end of September he was part of an outback trip that hosted Minister Brock and other dignitaries taking in the northwest region of the



OCA's area. The Dir reported that the visits were well received in all communities.

The Dir confirmed the recent appointment of an Asset and Works Officer with the OCA and also that the OCA has submitted an expression of interest for one traineeship position funded under the Regional Youth Traineeship Program, Round 1.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS

Nil.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next OCA meeting has been scheduled for 18, 19 November 2015 to be held in Adelaide.

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon.



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