

Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

18 May 2016

Meeting No. 59

Members:

C Woolford (Chair)

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

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Meeting held at William Creek on 18 May 2016 at 4.30 pm

Present:

C Woolford (Chair)

G Beltchev, J Booth, J Ferguson, J Fort, M Marsland, C Michelmore (OCA Members), M Sutton (Director, OCA) and B Honan (OCA staff).

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Outback Communities Authority's (OCA) first meeting held at William Creek. The Members welcomed the opportunity to see first-hand the outback region and the work of the OCA.

An apology was received from B Gough, Governance Manager, OCA.

2. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2016 were circulated.

**Moved by Member Beltchev
Seconded by Member Ferguson**

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) meeting held on 14 April 2016, number 58 be adopted.

Carried.

4.2 Business arising from minutes.

4.2.1 Community Insurance Review (Ref. Agenda item 6.2, Meeting No.50)

The Chair referred discussion to the Director (Dir) who advised that the Governance Manager (Gov M) had received written confirmation from the Crown Solicitor confirming that the OCA has significantly mitigated its risk by keeping an arm's length to the community insurance



transaction. The Dir confirmed that the Office for the OCA is investigating the inclusion of a disclaimer in each community's 2016-17 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) agreement with the view that the disclaimer will be incorporated in all future CARM agreements from 2016-17.

4.2.2 Andamooka Town Management Committee (Ref. Agenda item 11.1, Meeting No.54)

The Chair referred discussion to the Dir who advised that the review of the current Terms of Reference for the Andamooka Town Management Committee remains ongoing.

4.2.3 Oodnadatta Development Project (Ref. Agenda item 3.1, and item 4.2.5, Meeting No.55)

The Chair advised that this matter is ongoing. All present at the meeting agreed that they were looking forward to visiting Oodnadatta the next day.

4.2.4 Isolated Children's and Parents' Association (Ref. N15-02/11, Meeting No.56)

The Chair referred discussion to the Dir who confirmed that a review of funding categories will be undertaken and provided at the next OCA meeting.

4.2.5 Asset Sustainability Levy (Ref. Agenda item 6.1, N16-01/04) Meeting No.58)

The Chair referred discussion to the Dir who advised that stage 1 (internal consultation) had commenced, therefore this matter can be removed from the Action List.

4.2.6 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management Agreement (CARM) and Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) with Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association (APOMA) (Ref. Agenda item 6.2, N16-02/04, Meeting No. 58)

The Chair referred discussion to the Dir who confirmed that consultation has commenced on the APOMA 2016-17 CARM Agreement and CCS, noting that consultation will be finalised on 27 May 2016. This matter can therefore be removed from the Action List.

4.2.7 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) Agreement and Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) with Iron Knob Progress Association (IKPA) (Ref. Agenda item 6.2, N16-02/04, Meeting No.58)

The Chair referred discussion to the Dir who confirmed that consultation has commenced on the IKPA 2016-17 CARM Agreement and CCS, noting that consultation will be finalised on 27 May 2016. This matter can therefore be removed from the Action List.



4.2.8 2015-16 Budget Monitoring Report – February 2016 (Ref. Agenda item 6.4, Meeting No.58)

The Chair referred the discussion to the Dir who confirmed that a review on budget savings has commenced and expenditure plans are being considered. This matter can therefore be removed from the Action List.

4.2.9 Draft 2016-17 Business Plan and Budget (Ref. Agenda item 7.1, Meeting No.58)

The Chair referred discussion to the Dir who confirmed that consultation has commenced on the OCA's Draft 2016-17 Business Plan and budget, 1 request to provide feedback has been received.

5. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

6. OCA BUSINESS

6.1 Fraud and Corruption Control Policy (Ref. N16 – 01/05)

The Chair referred discussion to the Dir who advised that the OCA is required, under Treasurer's Instruction 2 to either adopt a policy issued by the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment or to issue an agency-specific policy with respect to the prevention, detection and control of fraud, corruption and other criminal conduct, maladministration and misconduct.

The Dir advised that the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment has identified numerous inconsistencies relating to agency specific policies and established a working group to develop a whole of Government fraud and corruption policy.

The Dir confirmed that the adoption of a whole of Government approach will ensure that a suitable document would apply to all agencies and would be consistent with the Premier's views on the sector acting as 'one government' wherever possible.

The Board agreed that when the OCA adopts policy relevant to the whole of Government, that consideration is made regarding details specific to OCA operations. The Board agreed that in such cases, an appendix is to be included detailing such specifics and that it is noted that where policy is particular to the OCA, specific policy is developed.

Moved by Member Fort
Seconded by Member Beltchev

That the OCA adopts the South Australian Public Sector Fraud and Corruption Control Policy as its Fraud and Corruption Control Policy.

Carried.

6.2 2015-16 Budget Monitoring Report – April 2016 (Ref. N16 – 02/05)

The Chair tabled the Budget Monitoring Report as at 30 April 2016 which outlines the revised full-year estimates of income, operating expenses and capital expenditure for 2015-16.

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

That the OCA note:

- *The updated 2015-16 Budget Monitoring Report for May 2016.*
- *That any adjustments required to the draft 2016-17 budget stemming from successful grant applications or any other reason will be submitted to the Board for approval.*
- *That effectively the operating result is a small deficit.*

Carried.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Ms C Harrington, Northern Flinders Project Officer (NFPO) joined the meeting.

7.1 Outback Communities Authority Communications and Strategy

The NFPO referred to the draft OCA Communications and Media Plan provided during a workshop held on 13 April and thanked the Members for their subsequent comments. The NFPO confirmed that since the workshop she has undertaken further investigation and included this information in the Plan. She advised that the Plan details social media strategies and includes the Tread Lightly concept initially considered by the OCA some years ago.

The Members congratulated the NFPO on the Communications and Media Plan and look forward to the implementation of the various media types suggested in the document.

**Moved by Member Ferguson
Seconded by Member Michelmore**

That the OCA approve the Communications and Media Strategy for immediate implementation.

Carried.

The NFPO departed from the meeting.

8. BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The Chair introduced the Business Plan Progress Report and referred the matter to the Dir who advised that although most actions detailed in the report will be achieved by 30 June, the *oneOutback* Prospectus will not be published until early in the next financial year.

The Members noted the OCA 2015-16 Business Plan progress report.

9. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Chair expressed her appreciation to the William Creek Progress Association for hosting the OCA's meeting and also thanked the Progress Associations of Oodnadatta, Marla and Glendambo for their willingness to meet with the Board over the coming days.

The Chair advised that a lot of her time has been involved in the future of the Northern Flinders region. The Chair confirmed that she was recently invited to participate in the Spencer Gulf Transition Forum and although the region that this group is focussed on does not include the OCA's area, the Chair welcomed her inclusion. The Chair advised that a Draft Plan will be available in approximately six weeks time and the next meeting has been scheduled within the next month. The Chair advised that it is anticipated that there will not be a lot of meeting held by this group.

The Chair advised of a productive meeting recently held with Minister Brock.

10. MEMBER'S REPORT

Member Ferguson advised that Dr Jane Lomax-Smith who is leading the Government's Request for Information for the future of Leigh Creek, attended the final meeting of the Northern Flinders Ranges and Outback Tourism working party to provide feedback on the group's submission to the Request for Information. The meeting was productive.

Dr Jane Lomax Smith also attended a meeting of the Beltana Progress Association over lunch to provide feedback on their submission regarding the impact of the Leigh Creek mine closure on the region. She was appreciative of the work and provided feedback on the process to date. Community members were appreciative of the time she spent in the community.

11. SECTION 11 COMMITTEES REPORTS

11.1 Andamooka Town Management Committee

The Chair advised that the Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC) met on 5 April 2016 and the meeting minutes remain unconfirmed



at the time of formalising the agenda. The ATMC meeting minutes will be made available in the next scheduled OCA meeting agenda.

12. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Dir tabled his report and provided an overview of the projects and work that the Office for the OCA has been involved in since the OCA's meeting held in April 2016.

The Dir advised that membership of the Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Taskforce and associated inputs continues to dominate his time. The Dir confirmed that he attended the community meeting for the proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility at Hawker on Friday 6 May and found the meeting very informative.

The Dir summarised the work undertaken by the Office for the OCA staff which has ranged from managing youth week activities in outback communities, commencement of various community consultations including ongoing community engagement in the Northern Flinders Region and finalising the community funding guidelines.

The Dir provided a response to a Question on Notice received from Member Michelmores at a workshop held in November 2015 regarding the OCA Board Members responsibility for the work health and safety of OCA travelling staff. The Dir advised that with having regard to DPTI's strong commitment to work health and safety, its well defined policies and processes and expectation for all staff to comply, it is reasonable to expect the OCA's duty of care is satisfied so far as is reasonably practicable by ensuring staff assigned to it are aware of and compliant with its parent agency's procedures and expectations. The Members agreed that this matter should be brought to the next OCA meeting for inclusion on the formal record.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS

Nil.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next OCA meeting has been scheduled for June 16, to be held in Adelaide at a location to be determined.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.