

**Committee established pursuant to Section 11 of  
the Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act  
2012**

**Andamooka Town Management Committee**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, 17 July 2012**

**Meeting No. 5**

**Present:**

**C. Woolford**

**J. Cleary, R. Hancock, P. Allen, M. Sutton**

**D. Allen (Community Administrator)**



## Minutes

### Andamooka Town Management Committee

(Meeting held at the Andamooka Town Management Committee office, Andamooka  
Town Hall on 17 July 2012 at 1.20pm)

Present: C. Woolford (Chair)  
J. Cleary, R. Hancock, P. Allen, M. Sutton  
D. Allen (Community Administrator)

#### 1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Chair opened the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC) and welcomed the Community Administrator, Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association's executive officer and community observers.

The Chair addressed the observers in the gallery and explained that in accordance with the ATMC terms of reference, a written request for a deputation must be received for person to be able to address the committee. As most of the observers were unaware of this requirement, the Chair advised that she would ask for comments at the conclusion of the meeting as a once off only event.

#### 2. DEPUTATIONS

##### 2.1 Chris Lyons – Andamooka Power House

Chris Lyons tabled 'Building Safely Near Powerlines', Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.

Chris Lyons thanked the committee for the opportunity to discuss a number of current power issues and future power capacity in Andamooka.

Chris Lyons explained to the committee that power infrastructure installed prior to 2000 has a statutory easement on private properties as per direction provided in the tabled document.

There is also concern for future power capacity in Andamooka if the town continues to grow as predicted. The Andamooka Power House will not have the capacity to support a large growth in population.

Chris Lyons expressed interest in an external power line and would like to work together with the ATMC in planning and advocating for power issues on the communities behalf.

#### 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2012 were circulated.

Moved by Member Hancock

Seconded by Member Allen

That the minutes of the Andamooka Town Management meeting held on 8 May 2012 be adopted with amendment to agenda item 3.1.5 Rubbish Dump – Sewage Waste with 'realise' text to be amended to 'release'.

**Carried.**

**4.1 Business arising from minutes – Meeting held 8 May 2012.**

**4.1.1 BHP Relationship**

The Chair advised that this item is ongoing.

**4.1.2 Native Title Negotiations**

The Chair advised that this item is ongoing.

**4.1.3 Inappropriate Land Use/Hazardous materials on private allotments**

The Chair advised that this item is ongoing.

**4.1.4 Frontier Services**

The Chair advised that this item is ongoing.

**4.1.5 CARM Agreement**

The Chair advised that this item is ongoing.

**5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair confirmed that she was extremely pleased with what the Community Administrator has achieved to date and was happy with the new offices for the ATMC.

The Chair would like to arrange stakeholder meetings for the committee to attend which would run over a number of days. The Chair suggested this would occur in August.

**6. MEMBER'S REPORT**

Member Allen commented on various issues the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association (APOMA) and Community Administrator are working through. He questioned when all services currently being managed by the APOMA will be transitioned to become the responsibility of the ATMC

The committee confirmed that the transition of services would be a gradual process with the Community Administrator starting with municipal services; remaining services will follow in due course.

Member Sutton confirmed that the Outback Communities Authority's expectations are that all services will be handed over to the ATMC by the end of the 2012/13 financial year.

Member Hancock reported that a number of Andamooka residents who missed the ATMC Community Plan information sessions are asking questions regarding the ATMC and Community Contribution Scheme. Documents are held in the ATMC office and are available to the community.

Member Cleary suggested the Terms of Reference and Community Contribution Scheme documents be drafted into a 'plain English ATMC information pack' and to have it available to the community using the usual methods of local communication.

Member Hancock is pleased with the Community Administrator's progress to date and confirmed that there is less strain on volunteers and the APOMA.

Member Cleary had nothing to report.

Member Sutton is pleased with what the Community Administrator has achieved so far and believes the ATMC panel made the correct selection.

Member Sutton thanked APOMA for organising the new ATMC office. He confirmed all signage and ITC equipment will be available for delivery to Andamooka soon.

The SA Government has provided the APOMA with \$100,000 for the construction of a permanent office for the ATMC. The design will also provide rooms for visiting professionals. It will be a joint development between APOMA and the ATMC with the Community Administrator as project manager.

Member Cleary suggested involving the community in the project by providing the available options for review and consultation to determine the preferred result.

The Chair would like to see a report of the project prepared for the next scheduled ATMC meeting.

## **7. COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Community Administrator discussed her plan which outlines goals for the first 90 days.

The Chair confirmed that the Community Administrator's report will allow the committee to clearly track progress and KPI's associated to each goal. The plan can be easily linked back to the ATMC Community Plan.

The Community Administrator has completed and/or started the following objectives as outlined in her 'Goals for the first 90 Day 2012-2013' document:



- Establish a full IT ready, professionally presented and operational ATMC office.  
This includes telephone, fax and internet connection, computers and print/scan/copy equipment has been ordered using Government procurement sources, ATMC signage has been ordered, administration support is yet to be determined.
- Establish new and develop existing methods of communication with Andamooka and wider communities.  
This includes engaging Andamooka Emergency Services and SA Police to review the Andamooka Emergency Plan, a contract between the Outback Communities Authority and SA Water has been reinstated for testing town water, the Community Administrator will undergo Desal induction.
- Actively engage the local and surrounding governing agencies and relevant stakeholders.  
This includes meeting with representatives from BHP Billiton, Andamooka Area School and Roxby Downs Council and their consultants.
- Transition APOMA historical municipal records to the ATMC.  
Management of municipal services have been a priority of the Community Administrator.
- Identify and implement management solution for the delivery of municipal services i.e.  
This includes a draft contact being created and forwarded to the OCA for review and transcribing into agency approved Expressions of Interest documentation.

The Community Administrator presented a number of emerging issues.

The committee discussed ongoing confusion regarding who is responsible for internal and external roads. It was confirmed that internal roads are Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure's responsibility, however further surveying processes will need to take place to correctly identified roads.

The Chair recommends that the ATMC make recommendation to the OCA to engage DTEI to carry out further assessments of Andamooka roads.

An expression of interest contract will be drafted regarding external roads.

Member Cleary queried data backup processes of the ATMC office. The Community Administrator is currently transporting her laptop home out of business hours. Once a purchase card has been made available, an external hard drive will be purchased.

## 8. ATMC BUSINESS

### 8.1 Follow up of previous issue papers (IP-5/1)

Member Allen explained the importance of revisiting past issue papers now that a Community Administrator has been appointed.

*IP-2/3 – Grid Power*

See deputation

*IP-2/4 – Water Supply*

Member Allen suggests that the committee go ahead with a desktop study regarding a reticulated water and sewerage system in Andamooka.

Member Sutton reiterated that there is provision in the ATMC budget for such studies.

The Chair recommends that a workshop regarding a desktop study be undertaken before the next scheduled ATMC meeting.

The Community Administrator is to contact Telstra regarding the fibre optic layout as part of the study.

*IP-3/7- Inappropriate Land Use and IP-3/8 – Hazardous materials on private allotments.*

Member Allen explained that vacant crown land and road reserves are still being used to store personal property, including Telstra.

Member Sutton confirmed that the OCA are currently looking into a draft Order Making Policy which, when accepted, would be able to sub delegate order making power onto the ATMC.

*IP-3/9 – Frontier Services*

The committee discussed and agreed that the Community Administrator will make contact with Frontier Services to begin discussions regarding issues affecting Andamooka.

*IP-4/4 – ADSL Internet Services*

Member Sutton advised the committee that the OCA have hired a consultant to look into a broadband strategy for the Outback. A survey has been released

The committee discussed the issue and agreed it best to gain community interest. APOMA EO to advertise and distribute to community.

#### 8.2 Power pole position and access (IP-5/2)

Member Hancock explained the history of power infrastructure located on private property impacting the owners ability to utilise their land.

Andamooka Power House operator Chris Lyons previously explained to the committee that power infrastructure installed on private probably before 2000 have a statutory easement, making relocation an expensive exercise.

The committee agrees that discussions with BHP Billiton need to take place regarding possible connection to grid power once connected at Hiltaba Village.

Member Cleary suggests that the ATMC speak to Outback communities in a similar position to seek their advice and guidance.

#### 8.3 Fibre Optic Cable (IP-5/3)

See ATMC Business 8.1 – *IP-2/3 – Grid Power*

### 9. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business to be discussed.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The ATMC agreed to the following meeting date:

Thursday, 23 August 2012, meeting to be held in Andamooka.

The meeting closed at 3:00PM



