

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

Andamooka Town Management Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, 23 August 2012

Meeting No. 6

Present:

C. Woolford

J. Cleary, R. Hancock, P. Allen.

D. Allen (Community Administrator)

A.Henderson (APOMA Executive Officer – Minute Recorder)



Minutes

Andamooka Town Management Committee

(Meeting held at the Andamooka Town Management Committee office, Andamooka
Town Hall on 26 August 2012 at 11.00am)

Present: C. Woolford (Chair)
J. Cleary, R. Hancock, P. Allen
D. Allen (Community Administrator)
A. Henderson (APOMA Executive Officer – Minute Recorder)

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Chair opened the 6th 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.

An apology was received from Member Sutton. The Chair advised that Member Sutton was fully briefed on the contents of the meeting agenda.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Brian McFarlane – Community Member

Mr. McFarlane tabled 'Minutes of Public Meeting Sunday 12 August 2012'.

Mr. McFarlane a brief outline of his version of events that occurred prior to the public meeting and a summary of his meeting's minutes.

Mr. McFarlane suggested that in his opinion, the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association (APOMA) are not operating in a manner that reflects the community's wishes and that the Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) should not commence until the community has been fully consulted. The Chair advised Mr. McFarlane that these matters are for APOMA to address and do not fall within the scope of an ATMC meeting.

The Chair stated that efforts have been made to contact the majority of the community regarding ATMC and APOMA matters. The Chair confirmed that the ATMC will endeavour to improve their consultation and communication processes in the future as it appears that the methods used previously have not been as far reaching as they perhaps should have been..

Mr. McFarlane questioned why the community has not been consulted regarding the ATMC and CCS. Member Hancock advised that the matters have been discussed at the past two APOMA annual general meetings with a majority of voters approving the new governance structure. The Chair advised that the community consultation for the CCS was appropriate.

Mr. McFarlane questioned why OCA General Manager, Mark Sutton replied on OCA Chair, Bill McIntosh's behalf when Brian sent a personal invitation to attend his public meeting. The Chair advised that it is normal practice for the OCA General Manager to reply on behalf of the OCA Chair for these types of request..

Mr. McFarlane questioned if Minister Wortley was contacted regarding the public meeting. The Chair advised that she contacted Minister Wortley and confirmed that State and Federal members are aware of the ATMC and have total confidence in the committee.

The Chair thanked Mr. McFarlane for his presentation.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2012 were circulated.

Moved by Member Cleary

Seconded by Member Hancock

That the minutes of the Andamooka Town Management meeting held on 17 July 2012 be adopted.

Carried.

4.1 Business arising from minutes – Meeting held 17 July 2012.

4.1.1 BHP Relationship

The ATMC Community Administrator (CA) advised that a letter of introduction has been drafted and forward to the Chair.

This item has now been finalised

4.1.2 Native Title Negotiations

The advised that a letter of introduction has been drafted and forward to the Chair.

This item has now been finalised

4.1.3 Inappropriate Land Use/Hazardous materials on private allotments

The ATMC CA advised that this item is ongoing.

4.1.4 Frontier Services

The ATMC CA advised that a letter of introduction has been drafted and forward to the Chair.

This item has now been finalised

4.1.5 CARM Agreement

The Chair advised that the 2012/13 CARM Agreement has been signed off and finalised.

This item has now been finalised.

4.1.6 Chair's Report

The ATMC CA advised that stakeholder meetings have been organised.

This item has now been finalised.

4.1.7 Member's Report

Member Cleary advised that the ATMC Information Pack will be finalised by the next ATMC meeting.

This item is ongoing.

4.1.8 Member's Report

Member Allen advised that the ATMC Office Facility Report has been tabled and will be discussed throughout this meeting.

This item has now been finalised.

4.1.9 Follow up of previous issue papers

The ATMC CA advised that the Telstra Area Manager has been contacted and will assist in locating fibre optic cable in Andamooka once the ATMC office have provided him with a map of the town lay out and the location of its services

This item is ongoing.

4.1.10 Follow up of previous issue papers

The ATMC CA has contacted a number of local businesses and internet users, including the elderly and youth, to complete the Digital Economy Strategy Broadband survey.

This item is ongoing.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair confirmed that the ATMC had had two major duties to fulfil; municipal services in Andamooka and gain community support for the CCS. These tasks have now been completed and can now focus on identifying the tool which will best advise the Minister of a preferred future governance model.

The Chair advised that meetings with local stakeholders in Andamooka so far have been very successful. The Chair met with the Andamooka Primary School, SAPOL, Country Woman's Association, Home and Community Care, Andamooka Clinic staff, and Mothers Group. The Chair has also met with BHP Billiton and Roxby Downs council.



The OCA announced that the Andamooka CSS was been gazetted on 17 August 2012 and the first instalment of \$100 will be due on 30 September 2012..

A concessions policy has been developed for "Hardship" and will be assessed on a case by case basis. Anyone finding it hard to pay the bill can contact the OCA on 1800640542.

The Chair would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped maintain the parks and gardens over the past 8 months. The Parks and Gardens contract has been finalised and awarded to Outback Landscaping and Supplies. The contractor will start in approximately 2 weeks. The ATMC Community Administrator will facilitate the finalisation of the contract. .

6. MEMBER'S REPORT

Member Cleary reiterated the importance of the Digital Economy Strategy for Outback Broadband solutions.

Member Cleary will send through information to the Andamooka ATMC regarding the SiWorld event in Port Augusta.

Member Allen had nothing to report

Member Hancock had nothing to report

7. COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The ATMC CA discussed her plan which outlines goals for her first 90 days.

Establish a full IT ready, professionally presented and operational ATMC office:

- All government IT equipment has arrived excluding multifunction printer.
- There have been a number of issues connecting the two offices. A router has been ordered so wireless internet can be hardwired to enable the LAN system.
- APOMA internet is being used until the office is fully functional.
- The office now has @atmc.sa.gov.au email addresses.
- Signage for the office is awaiting delivery from Port Augusta

Establish new and develop existing methods of communication with Andamooka and wider communities:

- There appears to a number of residents in town who have not received any communications for a number of reasons, a scrolling LED sign has been ordered to hang in the office window to advertise community information. If further information is needed, residents can come into the office to enquire.
- The ATMC CA would like to establish a record of residents who wish to be on a mailing list to receive factual information on a quarterly basis.

Member Cleary asked how we provide information to the community now. Poster are placed

in convenient locations around town, newsletter, Andamooka webpage and APOMA Facebook page.

Actively engage the local and surrounding governing agencies and relevant stakeholders:

- Telstra has been contacted regarding locations of fibre optic cables. Further information is to be provided.
- School speed signs have been knocked back by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport and Infrastructure, as they did not deem to signs necessary and suggests the school construct speed bumps.

Transition APOMA historical municipal records to the ATMC:

- This objective is ongoing.

Identify and implement management solution for the delivery of municipal services:

- The Parks and Gardens contract has now closed and a successful applicant has been awarded. The contractor should begin in approximately two weeks.
- The contract for Roads and Refuge will be advertised soon.
- A local contractor has performed some minor town maintenance work recently on the playground toilets and town park sign.

Two major town issues have emerged recently:

1. Rubbish Dump

There are a number of residents who are affected by the burning rubbish dump in a number of ways i.e. smoke, smell, residue on roof tops. A local recycling business has been contacted regarding placing recycling facilities at the dump to decrease untidiness. There is the possibility that liquid waste can be used on gardens. The contract....

Member Cleary suggests contacting Coober Pedy dump....

2. Roaming Dogs

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8. ATMC BUSINESS

8.1 OCA Declaration of Community Contribution (Andamooka) for 2012-2013

The OCA have declared a community contribution for rateable land in Andamooka and White Dam. The Declaration of Community Contribution (Andamooka) for 2012-2013 contains the background and legislation and will be the document used for advising the community about the CCS. Notices will be distributed with the first instalment due on 30 September 2012.

8.2 ATMC Office Facility Report

Member Allen discussed the ATMC office facility floor plans outlined in the report, with final quotes to be circulated to the committee within the next week.

The CA requested that the new office be IT equipped professionally and 'ADSL ready'. The CA will research remote SA IT installers.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business to be discussed.

The Chair began discussions regarding the report and recommendations as to the preferred model of town administration and governance to apply after 30 June 2013 as outlined in the ATMC Terms of Reference.

There has been comment from the community regarding nomination process for the ATMC. The committee will research nomination processes in the ANANGU PITJANTJATJARA YANKUNYTJATJARA Lands and other remote locations with similar governance structures.

Member Cleary suggested commissioning a desktop study to prepare a brief of remote locations with similar governance models. The brief to also contain governance and community engagement processes.

Member Cleary mentioned a number of possible research bodies to undertake the work. It was suggested to contact various universities and the Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation.

The successful consultant will be chosen through a tender process.

Moved by Member Allen

Seconded by Member Hancock

That The Chair request funding from the OCA to carry out desktop study.

Carried.

Member Cleary reiterated the importance of documenting ATMC processes as a model. It was suggested that a University student would be commissioned to do work.

Moved by Member Allen

Seconded by Member Hancock

That the ATMC request funding from Minister to carry out work.



Carried.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The ATMC agreed to the following meeting date:

Thursday, 4 October 2012 meeting to be held in Andamooka.

The meeting closed at 1.45PM

