



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2021

MINUTES

Start time: 10.45 am

LOCATION – Umuwa Trade Training Centre

APY Executive Present – Bernard Singer (BS), Owen Burton (OB), Marita Baker (MB), Makinti Minutjukur (MM), Rita Rolley (RR), Trevor Adamson (TA), Julianne Campbell, (JC), Murray George (MG), Rex Tjami (RT), Anton Baker (AB), Karina Lester (KL). **On phone:** Tony Paddy (TP), Willy Pompey (WP), Nyunmuti Burton (NB), Yangi Yangi Fox (YF)

APY Staff Members: Richard King (RKg), Tania King (TK), Ruth Morley (RM)(on phone), Mavis Welsh (MW) (on phone) (minutes)

Apologies:

Observers: Ian Liddy DPC AAR, Catherine Maczkowiack, DPC AAR

BS opened the meeting and welcomed Karina Lester to her first Executive Board meeting.

RESOLUTION

The APY Executive Board to allow Ms Catherine Maczkowiack and Ms Ian Liddy the meeting as representatives of the PMC AAR to observe proceedings.

Moved: Anton Baker Seconded: Makinti Minutjukur All agreed.

1. Confirm Minutes of Previous Meeting – 31 August 2021

TK displayed the minutes on the screen and went through the minutes for members.

RKg explained that the minutes are gone through now, if we send minutes before they are approved then this can cause issues.

KL asked for a result resolution to be included, with a mover and seconder.

Discussion around the period of Executive Board in place. RKg explained that this is not expressed in years but rather 'cycle', as due to Covid there has already been a longer period.

RESOLUTION

The APY Executive Board confirm the election results for Chairperson and deputy Chairperson for the current cycle of the Board.

Moved: Owen Burton

Seconded: Marita Baker

All agreed.

RKg continued the minutes on screen. Discussion around funding.

BS spoke in language about lease money.

OB said that is community money and is held in APY trusts.

Discussion amongst members about trust funds for leases and how they will be distributed for specific purposes through a specific community process.

BS – get back on track with minutes.

BS – got to go through agenda.

It is things we have gone through already and made agreements now to go back to community.

MM that's really good – spoke about community.

MM really good – it is community decision.

KL – we approach the community and ask about lease, if no support they will get no funding but it is their decision at the end of the day.

BS – don't talk about other communities, can only talk about own community. APY trying to get community agreement.

KL – need better communication.

BS – take information back to communities.

KL – put on agenda, which communities already done and which to be done and the process.

BS if you mob want to continue living in poverty, go ahead,

TA – we got to have something to look at – independent lawyer and compare if a good one ... in language – APY ... 5-year lease, if not work give it to someone else. If we struggling – how many years you been here. we got to have information.

KL – not clear, need communication.

RKg - once we get leases together and start charging then money will get back to communities. Not much to start but more than now.'

TA – all belongs to communities, need to know.

RT spoke in language about the process. Everybody jumping up and blaming people – that is wrong way. Need to hang on and make a better plan to work with community. Want more money to run community – but there is not enough. Probably take 2 years, but this is what the aim is. We need to see the bigger picture before more – look at things in community, roads and other things.

The Executive Board should think about what can we do to support community councils – government is not going to give money. LRA says you can get money through lease resolution of Executive Board.

RKg quoted the section of LRA – can't get loan on lease.

As an example: If Mr Fraser wants to run cattle, he has to come to the Executive Board to get approval under the section 6 of the APY Act.

TA – should be through General Meeting.

RKg said you can have a General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, but any final decision is to be made by the Executive Board. This will be asking Traditional Owners for

agreement and if they say yes, that's ok, but if they say no, then Executive and APY can't do it. That is why we are doing it proper way.

OB – someone will try to go another way with independent lawyer

MM – there is understanding this is for our community. We need leadership – let's all work together, we can go, move on, let's work together difference angry... in language.

BS – Ok, I just want to get on with this meeting. governance training.

RKg continued reading the minutes from the screen.

KL asked questions about Army working at Amata.

RKg said he has written back to Many Rivers and they will pass on to the Defence Dept.

Discussion about Many Rivers.

RESOLUTION

The APY Executive Board agree that the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of 31 August are an accurate record of that meeting subject to the addition of the resolution of the election results for Chairperson and deputy Chairperson to the minutes and approve for the GM to publish the amended abridged minutes online.

Moved: Anton Baker Seconded: Owen Burton All agreed.

2.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting of 1 September 2021.

TK read the resolution regarding the space station name.

RESOLUTION

The APY Executive Board agree that the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of 1 September are an accurate record of that meeting subject to the amended resolution regarding the satellite name and approve for the GM to publish the amended abridged minutes online.

Moved: Bernard Singer Seconded: Owen Burton All agreed.

COVID19 response plans –

Paul Roberts from SAPOL, Tanya McGregor and Kerri Reilly from SA Health joined the meeting online.

BS welcomed these people to the meeting.

RKg said the APY had meeting SAPOL. They have come online to give updated if there is an outbreak of Covid on the Lands.

TMcG thanked Exec Board members for their time and acknowledged the members in the room. She gave her background and is speaking from Garna land.

She said she is having a meeting to discuss if there is an outbreak of Covid on the lands. Higher risk if on the lands.

Still planning. KR and PR will look at how to handle in communities any outbreak.

KR will be talking to communities.

KL asked if key stakeholder are involved like Nganampa Health.

TMcG said yes Nganampa Health, Police, RFDS – all have plan – need to work out how to link together.

KL translated.

There are plans from those service providers – how to bring together.

TMcG – PR and KR will talk about updating those plans.

TMcG – I agree this will be conversations in community. Anyone with Covid will go to Adelaide.

KR said some people around the table have been involved in community conversations.

KL translated.

TMcG – we will send extra people if someone has Covid – all community will be tested.

Community will be locked down – no fuel will be sold.

BS – vaccination in community is not crash hot – 30% in some – some communities low.

People don't want to be tested; how do we work with that.

KR – if outbreak person will come to Adelaide – there are some laws around testing for clinical need – if someone refuses test or vaccination and they will be treated as Covid case.

KL translated.

KL asked if there are cases in community – what if high number – will there be place for quarantine or isolation.

KR – each community has identified an area for isolation. All positive cases will come to Adelaide for specialist services – doesn't matter which community they will come to Adelaide also family living in same home will come to Adelaide. There will be a need for quick response with questions.

First case Nganampa response and SAPOL will lock down community then there will be community contact tracing. There will be a team to come in to support Nganampa Health.

KL translated.

We also know that many Anangu have other medical conditions.

KL translated.

OB – those who have needle – people travelling ... in language. That person gonna die in Adelaide.

BS said people not having covid jab they will be the ones affected. As leaders of each community we need to let them know.

KL translated.

There is no cure at this stage.

KR – no cure. Need all APY people to know that SAPOL and SA Health are there to support but we know you need vaccination. People who move can pick covid up – use masks.

We are coming to APY next week with Paul Roberts and need people to be aware of people coming from NSW, Victoria and other states – especially trucks.

KL translated.

KR if people have coughs or cold – need to get tested. Don't want people to be scared and run away.

BS the other thing will be hard to get to some communities so broadcasting by few of community members and not at Executive Board. This needs to be discussed – very important at to be discussed at community Council meetings.

KR had a near miss with a couple who were on a plane with covid case. Anangu to go to Port Augusta or go to Adelaide – sitting outside Medihotel.
This is not IF Covid comes, but WHEN!!!

BS asked what happens if they pass away in Adelaide.

KR said when all Covid is out of the community then they will be returned for sorry business ceremony.

KL translated.

KR – however with the person returned there will be no open coffin, no kissing as they may still have covid in the body.

BS – if in lockdown to bring person back cost may make hardship.

2.40pm. TMcG – sorry I have to leave this meeting.

PR said if there is a positive case on the Lands no one can leave that community – will be lockdown.

MG spoke in language.

KL said MG asked about those in Adelaide and Pt Augusta, how will they be supported.

PR – firstly if someone wants to return to community in lockdown that's ok, but they can't leave until SA Health say it's ok to leave.

PR – I really want Executive Board to understand in 3 parts.

1. Everyone expects me to say I respect people's choices to not get vaccinated, but I don't respect it.
2. People in this environment with Covid don't get to choose to protect others. Must get vaccinated.
3. People should get vaccinated. I've worked with Anangu for 40 years and I don't want to lose any friends. The Exec Board need to encourage people to get vaccinated.

KL translated.

KR – two important points – PR and I will be coming to the Lands. We really need Anangu to help us with the plan. Need to meet all Anangu and share with people on the APY Lands.

Ian Liddy said if people want to return to PY they will be helped to return by bus.

KR said people coming back to the Lands – can't bring back really sick. Need to make sure they are screened before coming back and are in good health.

KL – return to country programme – screening means testing.

KR – Yes, no fever, no coughing.

KL explained in language.

KR said the return to country programme is supported by SA Housing, not SA Health – RKg is aware of this.

BS – what goes on with people in Adelaide as this is going to affect people coming back – will they be put in a place to isolate them?

KR – yes with gentle, gently approach – no one sick. Can I put it to the Executive Board that they are happy for our approach? We want to make frequent visits to communities to make sure the plan is working.

KL translated.

TA – need to explain to everybody – can't act too late – make sure not to come in after virus.

KR – SCC Aboriginal League state Control Centre – normally Director for Aboriginal Health at Royal Adelaide.

KL – do you have dates when coming up.

KR – want to sit with and work with Executive Board. PR and I will be there next week in Pukatja.

The virus is coming very quickly – need to work to refresh the plans, so will visit within the next 2 months, before Christmas – not for meeting but to touch base.

Biggest risks are from Ceduna, Pt August, Adelaide, plus other areas of SA are risky.

KL translated.

9. SA Housing Authority – Clayton Reeves (CR) PowerPoint presentation.

CR said that SA Housing have started the program – he just wants to give an update. The Maintenance Funding for 2021 – 2022 is a total of \$7.3 million.

KL translated.

CR gave a breakdown of this activity and budget

Responsive/emergency maintenance \$1.4m

- Programmed maintenance - \$4.1m (Air conditioner service; Electrical safety check; Plumbing and hot water service; Septic pump out every 2nd year; Pest control treatment; Minor building works
Septic tank and air conditioner replacements)

Homelands

\$200k – (mainly emergency work)

Vacancy maintenance

\$700k (preparing for new tenants)

Service costs

\$850k and other \$91k

TOTAL \$7.3m

CR said all houses will have minor fixing every year – need to find and report little problems before they become big problems.

KS translated.

CR advised that average spend on each house is \$14,000 per year and for 2020/2021 the expenditure has been \$5.5 million. (Average \$14,627 and responsive, average \$4,102 per house)

Replaced 132 stoves

Cleared 197 blocked drains

Replaced 96 doors, 109 smoke alarms; 284 entrance lock sets; 260 privacy and passage lock sets; 137 lock cylinders and keys; 106 taps; 15 air conditioner units

CR explained that the most expensive area of cost is replacing locks.

KL translated.

CR then continued to explain the construction program which is for over 5 years for 2020-2025, with a Budget of \$24.72 million.

2020-2021 – all the houses will be done before Christmas – 4 at Pipalyatjara and 6 at Mimili.

2021-22 Pipalyatjara 5 Kalka 3

2022-23 Fregon 3 Ernabella 3

2023-24 Amata 5

2024-25 Indulkana 2

CR – want discussions with Mr George and community at Ernabella.
KL translated.

CR – would like to speak to Mr Marshall if he can get in touch.

CR there is good news with employment of 2 Anangu apprentices in plumbing and electrical and are currently training Anangu on Pest Control spray. On average we have employed 10 Anangu each month.

He further explained that the Construction Program has been with Wiltja, an Aboriginal Building Company who employ 3 Aboriginal apprentices.

KL translated.

CR said he would appreciate if members are talking to community councils to speak about ongoing vandalism and break in at Pipalyatjara.

KL translated.

MM asked about what support there is for old houses.

CR said we will maintain and continue to maintain older houses but when there is funding then the old houses will be replaced.

Unfortunately there is no funding for upgrading, only for replacement.

MM – problems with ceiling and air conditioning.

CR asked that people need to ring us if they have problems.

MM said she spoke to Geoff – need to make it good.

BS said that the houses are from the mid 90's

CR said it is on the list – not forgotten. Will look after older houses when funding.

CR said they are not just looking at 4 bedroom houses – need to understand the demographics of communities. Will be looking at various types of properties, including units.

KL – can I ask about safety assessments on the homelands – would you do safety assessments.

CR said we could but it is about investing in this which is not possible.

KL said she will be in touch.

BS said people are taking up other people's homes – not good – Aruna.

MM said in the past we used to have Homeland Corporation for people who were living in the homelands – used CDEP funds – now with RASAC. We asking people from RASAC to meet with us but it never happens – don't know where that money is. Was trying to have meeting to fix little things and it doesn't happen.

BS – that needs to be looked at – homelands are classed as community.

CR – that is only in emergency.

This money is provided to homes that pay rent. So, no rents on homelands so we don't get money for working on homelands.

KL grateful for homelands funding - \$200m.

MM – there is electricity running through APY to Kenmore.

CR – I understand this is all getting prepaid.

RKg – raised a good point – where APY collects from everyone else – then say we collect from others.

4.01 pm. BS thanked Clayton Reeves for the update and information from SA Housing.

12. SA Electoral Commission – Mick Sherry (MS), Cameron Stokes (CS)

MS from the State Electoral Commission – next State election 19 March 2022.

CS – date unknown for next Federal Election. Prime Minister to decide on the election date.

MS – want to make sure all eligible Anangu in the APY Lands are on the voter register. KL translated.

BS said we have got young people on the Lands who are turning 18 and we need them to be enrolled. Get the young kids enrolled.

KL ask if state election in March – can they enrol anytime.

MS said that if people need help or advice on we can support Anangu to enrol, nominate and vote in state, federal and Board elections

MS said it is important to be enrolled 2 weeks before the election date.

4.10pm

MS said you can enrol online with a driver's licence, passport or the support of someone already on the roll.

KL translated.

MS - Often come into APY for elections.

There are 3 levels of elections: APY elections: State elections and Federal elections.

BS with APY election had young people come in. For State is that the same?

MS – TAFE in APY will help with getting Anangu to fill in forms. Also employing Anangu to work for the Electoral Commission to help with election.

MG – I can see problem from now on ... spoke in language. You say people coming from other community – I want my people in my community.

KL spoke in language to MG.

MG – I have seen all the problems for years – I'm talking to you Trevor.

KL translated – State election.

MG – Anangu got to think about own right.

KL explained.

MS – Information officer.

KL – Busy year next year. How does one become Anangu Information Officer?

MS – we put the message out through RASAC, TAFE and communities to train and pay people as Aboriginal Information Officers.

MS said we write training and TAFE deliver the training at Umuwa TTC.

OB – some never turn up. People go to Coober Pedy or Adelaide – we need to bring them here.

MS said if someone from APY is in Adelaide, they can still vote – you can vote everywhere. We go to lots of places and send messages.

BS – pretty hard to put in vote as we don't know the people to vote for.

MS – it is important you are voting for someone who is making decision for you, for all Anangu for the next 3-5 years

What are some of barriers /challenges to voting in your communities? How can we overcome them? He also asked about important events such as cultural business is to occur between now and May 2022

RKg said we have a celebration coming up.

BS - we have 40 year celebration in April.

RKg – Executive Board expect anyone who comes on the Lands to be vaccinated.

MS – currently it is not compulsory for vaccination, but can make sure anyone coming on to the APY lands is vaccinated.

RKg asked for any feedback from the recent APY Board Elections
BS – no water, but quite happy.

TA – make sure everyone who wants to stand – make sure everyone has a chat – balancing.

BS said people had opportunities to nominate for election.

KL – sometimes when they ask for ID's the challenge is to get identity, as not many have papers or ID.

MS said that if they don't have ID, then someone already on roll can witness they are who they say they are.

RKg – all councils should get information more easily.

MS thanked the Exec Board for the time today.

4.48 pm. All the representatives from the SA Electoral Commission left the meeting.

BS said that Board members have left the meeting.

4. Legal Report. (to be deferred to continued meeting)

Legal is confidential to the Executive Board

It was agreed to continue the meeting and agenda items on to Monday 25 October 2021.

4.55pm BS declared the meeting closed.

Note: The minutes 20th October 2021 were checked and ratified with changes on the 3rd May 2022