Executive Meeting No. 8 of 2008/2009 3 March 2009 at Umuwa Minutes

Present: Chairperson Bernard Singer

Amata Leonard Burton
Anilayla Kawaki Thompson
Indulkana Ronnie Brumby

Kaltjiti

Mimili Tony Campbell Murputja Anton Baker

Pukatja

Kalka/Pipalyatjara

Watarru Charlie Anytjipalya

APY Rex Tjami, Ken Newman, Peter Huntington

Apologies:

Visitors: Rowan & Theresa Ramsey, Mal & Sue Brough, John Tregenza, Trevor Adamson, Donald Fraser

Bernard Singer opened the meeting at 1:05 pm with a prayer by Kawaki Thompson.

Today's meeting was to have been a joint session with the Senate Select Committee on Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities. However, as it was overcast, the plane did not land and the Senators continued on to Adelaide.

1. Welcome

Bernard Singer welcomed the visitors to the meeting. Rowan is the Federal Member for Grey. Mal Brough was attending as a visitor of APY for our AGM later in the week.

Rowan introduced himself and said he would like to sit and listen at the meeting and participate when required.

2. Previous Minutes of Meeting No. 7 – 4 February 2009

The Minutes were summarized by the General Manager and following questions, were accepted without alteration.

Moved: Kawaki Thompson Second: Ronnie Brumby Carried: All

PY Ku Centres were discussed by Board Members. Administration was requested to pursue the unfulfilled commitment by the Commonwealth in relation to this matter.

Action: Discuss with PY Media and brief Federal Member Rowan Ramsey

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 2:00 pm and resumed at 2:35 pm.

Bernard Singer thanked Rowan Ramsey for visiting and presented him with an APY shirt and Information booklet about the APY Lands.

New Business

3. Arts Centre Proposal under RCLIP Strategic Projects program

The General Manager read through the proposal put forward by Anangu-ku Arts and advised why they are doing so.

Resolution

That APY supports the funding proposal, as host local government body, for the Anangu-ku Arts infrastructure project.

Moved: Tony Campbell Second: Ronnie Brumby Carried: All

Other Business

4. Planning and Development

David Caspar provided a report to members giving an update on development matters, including:

- Pipalyatjara Seven houses
- APY Police and Courts facility- Mimili, Amata and Pukatja
- APY Social Worker Housing proposed Total of eight duplexes located at Pipalyatjara X2, Amata X1, Pukatja X2, Mimili X1, Umuwa X2
- Umuwa Government Centre
- Pukatja Childcare and Pipalyatjara School redevelopment
- Federal Government's Building Education Revolution program
- Mimili Single Men's Accommodation
- Recently completed and Future Housing
- Pukatja Clinic
- Pukatja Church
- Pipalyatjara Youth centre

David asked the Executive Board for direction on the proposed reuse of an old transportable building at Pipalyatjara which was removed from the school but has been placed on a serviced lot. It is in severe disrepair but the community want to do it up as a youth centre. The Executive Board advised the Planning Officer that the reuse of the Pipalyatjara disused school building for a Youth centre is inappropriate and he should assist the community in its removal.

Action: Transportable unit to be disposed

Mal Brough asked about Anangu participation in building houses on the APY Lands, particularly as there are a number of houses to be built. He suggested APY lobby the government and demand Anangu participation in the building program.

Action: The Executive Board authorised the Planning Officer to contact the SA Minister for Housing's office today for a response to the APY letter of 13 February 2009 and to provide an update to the Executive Board.

5. Australian Crime Commission

Mal Brough spoke with people yesterday about the decision to close the Crime Intelligence Desk by the Rudd Government. This agency collects information about grog running, drugs, sexual offenders, etc. Mal Brough was concerned that if this desk is closed, the Government is not serious about a range of matters, such as housing, etc.

If the unit is disbanded, it be "open business for criminals." He recommended that APY write to the Prime Minister and the Federal Attorney General about this decision and request the organisation remain in operation.

Peter Huntington, Legal Officer said the crime desk was a deterrent for unscrupulous non-Anangu and a message like that proposed would send a strong message for Anangu.

Resolution

That APY write to the Prime Minister and the Federal Attorney-General opposing the closure of the Central Australian Intelligence Crime Desk.

Moved: Bernard Singer Second: Anton Baker Carried: All

6. Legal Report

Peter Huntington provided an oral report.

a. Stores

A Meeting was held in Alice Springs last week about the stores on the Lands. He provided information/advice about a regional stores model. He recommended that licences be the way to operate stores on the APY Lands. There was extensive discussion on this matter resulting in a resolution.

Resolution

That APY prepare a by-law for the regulation of stores on the APY Lands fo consideration at the April Executive Board meeting and that this matter be discussed at the AGM and by individual communities.

Moved: Ronnie Brumby Second: Kawaki Thompson

Carried: All

b. Executive Board Member, Pipalyatjara/Kalka

Peter explained the member has been convicted and imprisoned. This causes the member to be removed from his place on the Executive Board, a by-election is required and the SA Electoral office will be notified.

Action: The Executive Board noted this item and endorses the action required.

c. Watarru

Peter reported on the problems at Watarru and the legal action by AP Services against a former MSO at Watarru. The Legal Officer recommends the Chairperson facilitate a meeting between the two family groups from Watarru as a way of "clearing the slate."

Action: APY Chairperson to facilitate meeting between the families at Watarru as soon as can be arranged.

d. Chairperson, Pukatja

Peter reported to Executive Board members that APY wrote to Mr Lewis as a result of his behaviour towards APY staff during the visit of the Australian Army last week. He has also received information today from Bungala about Mr Lewis bullying them and attempting to get rent paid to him. The Legal Officer recommends that after receiving a report from Bungala the matter be referred to SAPOL.

Action: Refer the matter to SA Police

e. AP Services

The General Manager and the Legal Officer were asked to leave the meeting at 5:40 pm while Executive Board members discussed this matter.

Mr Burton said he did not really know why a Special Administrator was appointed. Bernard Singer explained about the money and how it has been spent. Mr Burton said Anangu Directors of AP Services did not know the full money story. He was asked if AP Services' staff told Anangu Directors about it and Mr Burton said no, they don't know the problem but all APY Executive Board already know about the Special Administrator.

The General Manager and Legal Officer were asked back into the meeting at 6:45 pm.

The Legal Officer asked if Mr Fittock was still acting as Mr Burton's Solicitor. Mr Burton did not answer this question.

Bernard Singer gave a summary of their discussions as detailed above. He asked the legal Officer to explain what he knows about the Special Administration as it appears Anangu Directors of AP Services may not have known what was happening. The Special Administrator is to speak at the AGM this week.

7. Anthropology

Andrew Morley provided a brief report and had three heritage clearances were approved by the Executive Board.

Shed Tank, New Well Fencing, Uwalinyi Spring Shed Tanks, Watarru

8. Correspondence In/Out

۱	ı	Г	۱	

ed
d
ion
)

Out

12/02/2009	Minister Weatherill	AW NRM Matters
13/02/2009	Minister Rankine	Housing on the APY Lands
17/02/2009	L Burton	AGM Agenda Items

9. Date of Next Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board meeting will be held Tuesday 7 April 2009 at Umuwa.

The meeting closed at 7:30 pm with a prayer by Kawaki Thompson.

Minutes by Ken Newman

Executive Meeting No. 8 of 2008/2009 Tuesday 3 March 2009 – Umuwa Draft Agenda

Visitors

Senator Nigel Scullion Senator Claire Moore Senator Trish Crossin Senator Rachel Siewert Senator David Johnson Senator Sue Boyce Senator Mark Furner Senator Gary Humphries Senator Catryna Bilyk

Ms Toni Matulick Ms Alice Crowley Mr Chris Twomey Mr Felix Humphries

Welcome

Business Arising from the Minutes

Previous Minutes of Meeting No. 7 – 4 February 2009

New Business

Joint Session with members of the Senate Select Committee on Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities

Other Business

Legal Report

Arts Centre Proposal under RCLIP Strategic Projects program

Correspondence In/Out

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 7 April 2009 at Umuwa