

SGM at Mimili
RE: MINTABIE
21 February 2007

Visitors Present: Paddy O'Rourke, Bob Larkins (PIRSA), Adrian Shackley (Attorney General's Dept) Kay Marshall, Al Lad (MMPA), Mark Syrus, Tom Carter (SAPOL)

APY Executive: Leonard Burton, Tony Campbell, Max Kenny, Murray George, Kawaki Thompson,
APY Employees: Ken Newman, Rex Tjami, Nicola Thompson, Gary McWilliams

The meeting opened at 11:30 am and **Kanytji** of Mimili welcomed everyone to the meeting to hear about Mintabie. Some people are still travelling here so we can listen.

Trevor Adamson (Interpreter) advised people that PY Media usually broadcast their meetings live on Radio 5NPY across the Lands but because there are no phone lines here, they will record the meeting and re-broadcast later today or tomorrow.

Trevor introduced all of the visitors to this meeting. He told people there was a SGM at Indulkana last year where we heard what Anangu wanted. There was a meeting in Marla in November with all the parties and today is another meeting to let Anangu know where we are at with talks about Mintabie.

Kawaki Thompson, Acting Chairperson thanked everyone and said we are here to talk about Mintabie and he introduced Adrian Shackley.

Adrian Shackley thanked people for the invitation to be here and gave an apology for Paul Heithersay of PIRSA. Adrian said that at the meeting at Indulkana last year, people said they wanted controls on Mintabie. There was good discussion about petrol, alcohol, shops, cars, Police checks for people living at Mintabie.

Following that meeting, there was a meeting at Marla between State, APY and Mintabie people. Some things looked at were the stricter rules about alcohol, restrictions on 2nd hand car sales. Shops and APY Mai Wiru were looked at as well as key cards, only OPAL fuel and generally how shops worked. There was talk about having a good Committee with APY, State, Police and Mintabie to talk about Mintabie matters. There was also talk about Permits, and maybe some possibility of short term permits being done by MMPA on behalf of APY. There was also talk about protecting certain areas.

In December, APY Executive received a report and approved another temporary arrangement for 12 months for Mintabie while changes take place.

Since that time we have been working on planned changes to the *APY Land Rights Act* and its By-Laws to make the law stronger about Mintabie.

Adrian Shackley said we now have lots of draft papers that will be used for making the changes about Mintabie.

That is the summary to date and he suggested we should now hear about the proposed lease area where Bob Larkins was involved in meetings last week.

Bob Larkins (PIRSA) reported on the meeting last week with the Anthropologists at Indulkana and Traditional Owners of Mintabie. This meeting came as a result of Executive telling PIRSA last year there needed to be a Heritage clearance for the area. Some people were away because of the Inma at Port Augusta. A further meeting was held on Wednesday and basically people approved the new lease area except for an area out near the town dump area. There is still some work to do

on whether to move dumps or just exclude the area. The map will be re done as soon as possible and be used as part of the new agreement.

Kawaki Thompson spoke about concerns with people coming onto the Lands without permits. Mintabie people may be running a business and not causing trouble but Anangu need to come together through our Act to keep matters strong.

Adrian Shackley said now is the time to make things right for matters about Mintabie since what is happening there has been going on since 1981.

Susan Wangi spoke saying she was born here and grew up in the Mintabie area. She sees many of her family go to Mintabie and that is a problem. She is happy at the moment but wants people to think about this.

Ken Pumani, Mimili, said he supports the traditional owners to make an agreement about Mintabie.

Adrian Shackley was asked to talk about some of the changes about Mintabie.

- Adrian said one of the changes was to give Police better laws on how to deal with people at Mintabie that shouldn't be there.
- With alcohol, the current by-laws let people at Mintabie bring Grog for personal use. One thing talked was to make it harder and only have grog available at the Hotel and for special circumstances.
- With selling things, the meeting at Marla said
 - a. no selling cars
 - b. only selling OPAL fuel, not petrol
 - c. restrictions on items for sale in shops
- With licences or permits for people at Mintabie we are looking at having Police checks.
- Most of the people at Mintabie are doing the right thing and we are working with MMPA to get some of the people out who are doing the wrong thing.

Murray George, Fregon, spoke about Mintabie being on the APY Lands and there are problems at Mintabie that should be under Anangu control. You need to get rid of some of those people.

Mike Williams, Mimili, asked people how we are going to come together to fix this problem. Police need to be able to deal with problems of marijuana and young people.

Kay Marshall, of MMPA, thanked people for the invite to Mimili today. Kay said people at Mintabie also don't like problems with grog and drug runners but they don't know how to deal with them.

With 2nd hand cards they know there are cars being sold that are not very good.

Some shops are willing to work with Mai Wiru and APY have asked Mai Wiru to do so.

Some people at Mimili already have police clearances for mining with explosives so they will be able to comply with this pretty easily.

In relation to grog, the meeting at Marla talked about grog only being available at the Hotel but some residents still want to have a drink in their own houses.

MMPA would like to work with APY on keeping a register of who comes into Mintabie so we all know who they are.

Kay also said that with mutual respect, MMPA and Anangu can work together.

Kantji said he is from here but lives at Mintabie sometimes. He sees people come from WA to buy drugs at Mintabie. I only drink beer but I don't say anything to those young people. It's not only Mintabie. Grog runners also come from Coober Pedy and Alice Springs. While at Mintabie, I see lots with my own eyes because Police come through and only take people with warrants.

Trevor Adamson summarized what Anangu said at the meeting at Indulkana and then Marla, no alcohol. It would be easier to police and same rules for everyone on the Lands. The MMPA at Marla asked APY if grog could be available at the Hotel only or on special occasions at the Community Centre. Now MMPA want Anangu to consider Mintabie people having grog at home.

Nicholas Coulthard said it should be a dry area.

Mr Baker said there should be no grog in people's houses at Mintabie.

Mark Syrius, SAPOL said what ever is the final decision, the Police will support that. Police are concerned with the amount of grog and drugs coming out of Mintabie. Be sure your decisions give Police strong powers to deal with people who do these things. Police support a strong permit system and that rules for Mintabie for grog, etc. are the same as for the rest of the APY Lands. This would make it easier to Police.

There was lunch provided by APY at 1.05pm and meeting resumed at 1.45pm

Kawaki Thompson said that some of our visitors have to leave soon so we need to resume the meeting.

Huey Tjami, Mimili, said he has been to earlier meetings with traditional owners but there is a problem with key cards. Is there a chance for our young people to work in the shops at Mintabie? Can Anangu run a store at Mintabie?

Max Kenny, Indulkana, spoke of problems at Indulkana when the office and store has to close because of problems caused when people come back from Mintabie. People are broke now because their key cards are kept at Mintabie and they have no money. People need their cards back and learn how to save. Drugs are also a problem because of our young people, not just Mintabie.

Witjiti George, Mulga Bore is not here to talk about Mintabie but wants APY to support him to make a road around his homeland. Ronnie Brumby, Chairman of AP Services said this meeting is about Mintabie and we can discuss this at another meeting at Umuwa.

Yami Lester, Wallatina, and Chairman of Yankunytjatjara said he has never received minutes of the meeting last year. Mr Lester wants PIRSA to let Yankunytjatjara Council work with them on Mintabie. He wants to know the detail of the documents.

Adrian Shackley said he was happy to work with Yankunytjatjara Council. He said Minutes of meeting are on APY website. As for us paying for a separate lawyer for Yankunytjatjara Council, Adrian would discuss separately and respond to Yami.

Kantji asked if there is a list of Traditional Owners for Mintabie and he was advised the Anthropologists have a list of people, including those from the distribution meeting last year.

Rex Tjami summarized the matter to date and said the matter of Mintabie is not to be finished today but it is a process that takes time. APY will not be rushed through and it will take this year to sort this out. We are getting information from this meeting and others so that we get what people want.

Nicholas Coulthard said Mintabie sells marijuana drugs and pipes and we don't want this for sale at a hardware store. The Hardware store Manager is very rude and should be told to leave.

Rex Tjami brought the meeting back to the issue of Mintabie and asked Anangu certain questions

1. Do Anangu want alcohol at Mintabie. Some options are
No alcohol at all
Alcohol allowed at the hotel and special licensed functions only with no take away
Allow some alcohol in residents' houses (this is what Mintabie residents want) - **No**
2. Should everyone who lives at Mintabie have permits like other non-Anangu on the Lands and have a police clearance check - **Yes**
3. Do Anangu want second hand cars sold at Mintabie – **No**
4. Do Anangu want Mai Wiru at the stores in Mintabie – **Yes**
5. Do Anangu want their key cards to be kept in Mintabie shops – **No, as this is a part of the Mai Wiru Stores policy.**

Trevor Adamson explained APY is looking at a 25 year lease about Mintabie with reviews every 5 years.

Nicola Thompson, Legal Officer, gave a re-cap of the meeting to be sure APY is clear on its members intentions.

- a. Alcohol for sale at hotel only. No Takeaway
- b. Permits with Police Checks required for people living at Mintabie.
- c. No sales of 2nd hand cars at Mintabie
- d. Mai Wiru to be in stores at Mintabie
- e. If Mai Wiru, there is no book up and no holding of key cards at Mintabie

Murray George said people should pay off their key cards debts at Mintabie and then keep them away from Mintabie. He said Mai Wiru should write to every store at Mintabie to arrange a meeting to discuss implementing the stores policy.

Kawaki Thompson thanked Mimili Community and Mr Campbell for letting APY hold this meeting which closed at 4pm.

Notes by Ken Newman

Attendees at SGM at Mimili 21 February 2007

Members

Baker, A
 Burton, Maringka
 Campbell, John
 Campbell, Julieanne
 Campbell, Marlene
 Campbell, Sabrina
 Campbell, Teresa
 Campbell, Tony
 Coulthard, Nicholas
 Cullinan, Hughie
 Curley, David
 Curley, Imitjala
 D., Agilan
 De Rose, Peter
 Dodd, Adrian
 Dodd, Sammy
 Edwards, Munu
 Edwards, Robin
 Frank, David
 G., Munny
 George, Tjapukula
 George, Witjiti
 Harry
 Henry, Daisy
 Kantji, Shannon
 Kathleen
 Kayipipi, Roger
 Lester, Yami
 Linda
 Mula, Betty
 Mungkiri, Peter
 Nyuntjungku, Stanley
 Pompey, Tania
 Pompey, Willy
 Pumani, Apata
 Pumani, Ken
 Pumani, Margaret
 Pumani, Uni
 Schilling, Richard

Shilling, Robert
 Singer, Sadie
 Smith, Evans
 Taylor
 Tilpi, Tima
 Tjami, Huey
 Tjami, Molly
 Tjanyari, Andy
 Tjapatyi, Kathleen
 Umula, Sadie
 Wanganyi, Betty
 Wangin, Johnny
 Wangin, Susan
 Wangka, Wangka
 Tjami, Rex (Director, APY)
 Kenny, Max (Executive Board Iwantja)
 George, Murray (Executive Board Kaltjiti)
 Thompson, Kawaki (Executive Board Anilayla)
 Adamson, Trevor (Interpreter)

APY Employees

Newman, Ken (General Manager)
 Thompson, Nicola (Legal Officer)
 McWilliams, Gary (Tenement Officer)

Visitors

O'Rourke, Paddy (PIRSA)
 Larkins, Bob (PIRSA)
 Shackley, Adrian (Att. General's Dep't)
 Syrus, Mark (SAPOL) + 5 members
 Marshall, Kay (MMPA)
 Lad, Al (MMPA)
 Tregenza, John (Mai Wiru)