



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday 18 May 2020

MINUTES

Start time: 11.55 am.

Location: Various – all members on phone.

Present on Phone: Marita Baker (MB), Anton Baker (AB), Willy Pompey (WP) Sally Scales (SS) Chair, Murray George (MG), Bernard Singer (BS), Owen Burton (OB), Nyunmiti Burton (NB), Makinti Minutjukur (MM), Nyukana Norris (NN), Julieanne Campbell (JC), Gary Lewis (GL), Richard King (RKg), Tania King (TK), Ruth Morley (RM), Mavis Welsh (MW) (minutes/recording).

Michael Clinch (MC)

Sarah McGrath (SM) of Nganampa Health,

Diana James and Ken Grimes, Cave Hill, Seven Sisters Exhibition.

SS welcomed all Executive Board members. She advised that she is only available until 5.00 pm. She suggested that as not likely to finish agenda today, that a second meeting be arranged for next week.

OB said a prayer and then the members had a minute's silence. Thank you for that thinking about sorry business.

SS asked members to approve that Chantelle Bala from Aboriginal Affairs can sit in on the meeting.

Resolution:

That the Executive Board agree to the request from DPCR for Chantal Bala to attend the meeting as long as there is no recording.

Moved Owen Burton, seconded Murray George All agreed

1. **Confirm minutes of Special Executive Board meeting held on 2 April 2020**

TK read the minutes of the meeting of 2 April.

AB spoke in language. Said that people are still driving around – travelling to Indulkana and Amata. People getting extra fuel to drive around – where from?

SS asked if anyone wanted to add anything to the minutes.

AB wants to ask about rent payment and David's Well. SS said she thinks there needs to be a meeting with the family group to talk about that. Jennifer, Nyunmiti, Anton to meet with Richard to talk about what happened after the old man passed.

APY Exec Board Mtg
Conference

18/5/2020

SS said need to talk about this with family.
OB spoke in Language.

Resolution:

That the Executive Board have reviewed the minutes of the Special Executive Board meeting of 2 April, and had the opportunity to comment and ask questions and agree that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the proceedings and are approved to be published on line.

Moved Owen Burton seconded Nyunmiti Burton All agreed.

RKg said that the question Mr Burton is asking I can talk about and he advised that shops have agreed to provide 20 litres of fuel per car on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 30 litres on Saturdays. This decision has been made in SA and WA and had conversations with stores and agreed to stop people moving around. He also said that stores are to stop taking cash – the disease can travel on money. People are still working around it.

Discussion and questions around some people getting more fuel. RKg said that under some circumstances, people on the homelands can get more.

12.40 pm. Discussion in language.

It was reported that some store managers have told people who are requesting petrol and saying "ring up Richard or Tania".

Discussion in language.

RM asked through the chair, can we please restore the agenda and can we have a translation of the discussion.

12.48 pm

MG said he wants to put the question to Richard, so you can talk to members.

Sally McGrath of Nganampa Health answered and is on line. She talked about why it is important to be careful. We on the lands cannot open up yet.

She stated that currently at Nganampa Health we have been working with SA Health and it is important to Anangu due to the community being more susceptible to the disease because of the co-morbidity of community members and some housing issues. The borders are closed. We are really worried that should Covid come on to the lands it would cause a lot of disease. We need to be vigilant and maintain restricted access on to APY lands not only for the next month. We will be trying to get people into Alice Springs.

RKg asked SS to interpret.

MG asked through the chair – he said that in SA he heard on TV it is clearing in SA and this is not a worry for us.

SMc said she worked for Nganampa Health and she has worked on the lands for many years. It is a worry.

SS interpreted – she said the disease is still here, it is still everywhere in Australia. If we get this disease – it is hiding in the community. It is really important. She instanced when people went to Uluru and Haasts Bluff and spread the disease.

MG stated the figures from overseas and stated that the sickness is not in SA.

SS told Mr George that in land we are told it was in Alice Springs – 10 people – she spoke in language – it is like a mamu.

RKg said that there is no cure for this disease. SS asked SM if that is right.

SM said there is no vaccine, all she can say it is like being on the cruise boats, if it happens in a restricted area like APY then it will go through the lands very quickly unless we control it.

SS spoke in language and said in America too many people have passed away.

1.01pm Discussion in language.

RKg asked through the chair – I might just keep going. SS said yes.

RKg spoke to SMc - it only needs one person to bring it in then for anyone that gets it is going to be very difficult to get services into the lands. The reduced fuel is so that people cannot move between communities. It is the only thing we can do to stop people moving around is to stop selling fuel. Once the disease gets in to people - can be carried by one person then fuel will stop.

SS translated.

1.07pm discussion in language.

WP people drive in and out of Coober Pedy – still travel in and out – police at Marla are letting them through. Some are going to Port Augusta. Still people travelling to Coober Pedy and Port August and how to stop people from APY travelling. Police in Port August don't deal with the fuel – people still driving on Lands and to Adelaide. Last week people were travelling to Adelaide from Indulkana and Fregon – he asked whose responsibility is it and asked Richard how this is going to work.

RKg asked do we have the police on the phone? SS said we need to hear from the Police.

RM stated that the system of communication and authority back in February at the Executive Board meeting made a decision to close the borders and all members were in favour. It is very important that you made your own decision to keep people safe. Then the Emergency Committee come in – APY Executive Board supported the Emergency Management Act all decisions went to SAPol and SA Health – they created the Remote and Vulnerable Communities Committee that the GM, Director and others sit on several times a week. RK and RT and some police with other member of working committee.

TK advised that we have got Sergeant Bartlett on line.

GL said that is good what the lawyer said is happening, but what he is saying is about people travelling in and out of APY lands and how this can be fixed.

RKg will still have Bio security – and asked 'how are you regulating people coming back to APY.'

SGT BARTLETT said at this time information is same as it always has been. People must isolate for 14 days. Some people thought the road were open. People always are able to leave then self isolate for 14 days. have reported a number of people over the last 14 days and they have been cautioned and have been sent away. At the end of it individuals make choices to leave. It is not Police responsibility to be backdrop to support where they stay. In Coober Pedy and Port Augusta there are areas set up for people to stay. They still need to isolate before or when they return.

SS translated.

1.19 pm. Discussion in language.

SS said before coming to APY had quarantine for 2 weeks. Anything else Mr Bartlett.?

SGT BARTLETT said we are doing our best to do the work but people it is difficult. If we find them in the lands we will turn them around.

1.22 pm

OB - spoke in language – talk about people driving in from Mutitjulu and other places to get petrol.

RKg said anyone who has sickness here – if it comes on to the lands, there will be no second chance. The Emergency management Committee will have the only power to make decisions on the lands if it gets in. Not APY.

BS said Executive has the power under the LRA, Section F to talk to stake holders. At the moment everyone is pointing the finger at you.

Richard to read resolution the Executive Board passed about power. RKg said the resolution passed was that where the situation is an emergency, Executive have asked me to act on the Emergency management Committee.

OB said the store manager says 'ring Richard for fuel' – he said it is not him it is Amata community members. The Executive members passed a motion.

RM – through the chair – can I answer BS. The resolution was passed by the Board in the emergency all about keeping Anangu safe.

SS said it is not about blaming you.

RM said only people who have power are the Remote and Vulnerable Communities sub Committee.

RKg said he has Sgt Bartlett on the phone.

OB said it is the store manager. I am trying to pass it on to Mr King

APY Exec Board Mtg
Conference

18/5/2020

SGT BARTLETT said that the Vulnerable and Remote group is part of the SA Emergency Plan and we are supporting of the actions of the community. Your representatives of the community when people don't get their own way they want to blame someone.

He said the Police are not taking action about the community if people choose to leave, that is their decision but they cannot expect to come back in breach of these rules. We understand that committee members are representatives of their community – they blame police sometimes. We are supportive of what has happened. It will be harder moving everywhere. They will see people in SA moving more freely. APY is not so free. Until Federal government relaxes the rules. We support you but if people are unhappy they can come and talk to us.

Discussion in language.

1.40pm

GL every Tuesday meeting with community and Police and other organisations.

GL in language. Stakeholders and service deliveries when talking to people on the lands – say every 2 weeks. Plan to visit those communities and talk about so that we can make a plan to Richard King. Stakeholders need to visit with the Police and tell the community what is happening – this has not been happening. People complain to Executive members. Stakeholders who come to community and give information, if this is to go on for months then we should plan to visit community.

SS said that is a good idea to have more community meetings – also PY media is doing a good job.

RKg said there is a meeting on 18 June with SA government about the future.

SS TK on to Correspondence.

2. Correspondence in

TK presented the correspondence received.

2.1 Letter from SA Premier re Election of Board members (23/4/20) – advised we have had a confirmation with Electoral Commission from Minister. The Minister said August may not be enough – asking to postpone for 12 months. All current Board members are Executive Board for the next 12 months. Next May 2021 Executive Board meeting if all ok. Need to pass resolution.

Resolution:

That the Executive Board consider the proposal from the SA Premier to postpone the Executive Board elections for 12 months and have agreed to move elections from 1 May 2020 to 1 May 2021.

Moved Owen Burton seconded Nyunmiti Burton All agreed.

SS asked if that is the earliest they can do it. RKg said yes.

SS can we get this clarified that this was done with the agreement of the Premier.

APY Exec Board Mtg
Conference

18/5/2020

RKg said that he advised that it may be longer than 12 months if no vaccination available.

SS Just want to make sure it is the earliest possible time due to Covid and it is not to stop people having a voice and to have people come out to do elections.

RKg said he would write back to the Premier to finalise this motion.

2.2 Letter from SA Government re Transport Project Delivery (21/4/20) - RKg stated that they can't work on the road works due to the 14 days isolation when coming on to the Lands.

TK advised that Warren Peterson will talk about this later. RK said he will be letting us know about progress on this matter.

2.3 Aboriginal Community Services – Organisational Update (May 2020) - TK summarised the Briefing Paper from Graham Aitken and Harry Harun of ACS.

- Aged Care services – including update of services on APY of aged care services in Indulkana, Mimili, Fregon, Amata, Pip/Kalka with intentions to expand into smaller communities. They will employ local staff and be second largest employer of Anangu on APY Lands after RASAC.
- Trachoma Elimination program – operates in Indulkana, Fregon and Mimili with advisory groups in each of the communities and working with all schools and the wider community. ACS programme is about spreading the message of facial hygiene and environment.
- Infrastructure upgrades – obtained grant to upgrade aged care centres; partner with RASAC; will seek more funding.
- Bush Tucker program - Funding for one year to take Elders out of Community and on to country including vehicles and trips.
- Kawaski 'mules' - used by ACS in community to transport Elders etc. The fleet is old and in need of upgrade. Will look for new sources of funding.
- Christmas and New Year 2019/20 – noted issues regarding lack of services over the Christmas/New Year break. Advised that ACS aged care service is funded by Commonwealth Dept of Health. Need discussion about future support for end of year services to prevent community members being abandoned.
- Partnership with NATSIC - ACS has a good partnership with NATSIC and is able to secure clothes, etc donations from Australian cities for communities on APY Lands; NATSIC is also funded by NDIA to transport allied health professionals to the APY Lands for people who have an NDIS plan/package.

BS translated for members.

2.4 Law and Culture funding – TK advised that for this financial years as at 30/6 the funds for Law and Culture were \$100,000 and this will be the last funding for this program. Need to decide where to direct the money to spend the remaining \$80,000. Cannot spend that \$80,000 due to Covid at present to the lack of movement won't be able to spend before 30 June 2020. RKg asking the Board to make a decision of what to put the money towards. Suggest we put to the Department of AAR that the funding be rolled over to next financial year. It will be the last of the Law and Culture money.

Discussion in language

At present the funds can only be put towards food and fuel to spend on cultural programs. If want funds spent differently would have to go back to the Board for a resolution.

BS agree that we roll over for next year. We need to get the Law and Culture Committee together to discuss how to spend the money.

SS spoke in language. She agreed that what BS said is good. Need to discuss how to spend the money.

Resolution:

That the Executive Board have discussed Law and Culture funding and have agreed to ask the Department of AAR to roll the funds over to next year to implement.

Moved Owen Burton seconded Nyunmiti Burton All agreed.

SS said we need to get clarification of what the money can be spent on. RKg last time set up a sorry camp. SS asking for deferral and ask to discuss at next meeting.

5. Rotary Club of Onkaparinga (RCO) Shelter proposal – Briefing paper (17/4/20)

TK gave details of a meeting with members of RCO in 2019. Discussion of RCO assistance with the practical idea of constructing shelters located at various roadside locations on the main traffic routes within the APY Lands. Design includes a shelter, water tank and seating.

Materials for the shelter to be transported in kit form and delivered to the Lands by RASAC. RCO to arrange construction/erection of the shelter and securing of the seating. RCO to construct the tank base of suitable local soil and the positioning of the tank.

RCO would be providing service only. The APY Lands Executive would need to cover all costs involved including purchase of materials, site preparation and on-site delivery expenses incurred.

It is anticipated that it would take 2 days to complete each shelter by RCO and they would construct two shelters, seating and water tank for each trip to the APY lands. The RCO would welcome any opportunity to interact with local community members so that cultural learning opportunities occur for mutual benefit.

RKg gave information regarding sketches. BS spoke in language and interpreted.

RKg wants Board approval in principle, then members can decide where to put these shelters. He advised that APY has to pay for the material and RCO will put up them up.

Resolution:

That the Executive Board in principle support the purchase and design of the proposed shelters with construction by RCO pending identifying locations.

Moved Owen Burton seconded Anton Baker All agreed.

2.45pm

3. Legal Report

RM asked the Board to confirm that the legal report is confidential.

Resolution:

That the Executive Board confirm that the legal report is confidential to the Executive Board.

Moved Owen Burton seconded Anton Baker All agreed.

SS said we need to ask people to tell us who they are with – that is other people on the phone.

Discussion in language.

RM said I think we have that information anyway.

4. Money Story - P&L's January, February and March, 2020.

Money Story – January 2020 P&L (amended)

TK advised that January P&L already done, but ATS has minor adjustments to salaries, motor vehicles, business and property insurance and Board members fees.

SS asked if any questions. No questions.

Resolution:

The Executive Board approve that the January 2020 Profit and Loss is a true and accurate reflection with adjustments and agree for it to be published on line.

Moved Owen Burton seconded Anton Baker All agreed

GL asked about the letter and asked for a copy of the email letter to be sent to him.

RKg said yes.

Money Story – February 2020 P&L

TK detailed various underspends and overspends in salaries, motor vehicles, P&W, business insurance and audit.

Resolution:

The Executive Board approve that the February 2020 Profit and Loss is a true and accurate reflection and agree for it to be published on line.

Moved Willy Pompey seconded Anton Baker All agreed

Money Story – March 2020 P&L

TK detailed various underspends and overspends in salaries, motor vehicles. P&W, business insurance and audit accounts are coming down.

Resolution:

The Executive Board have reviewed and approve that the March 2020 Profit and Loss is a true and accurate reflection and agree for it to be published on line.

Moved Bernard Singer seconded Anton Baker All agreed

Continuation of this meeting to next week.

Resolution:

The Executive Board agree to meet at 10.00 am on Thursday 28 May to go through the remaining agenda items.

Moved Willy Pompey

seconded Anton Baker

All agreed

RM said the work of the Chairwoman Sally Scales needs to be acknowledged at this difficult time.

ALL AGREED.

RM said she thinks we need to acknowledge the work of Richard King and Tania King through this difficult time and the work they have done to keep the Anangu and APY Lands safe.

ALL AGREED.

Meeting closed at 5.32 pm.