



Minutes of the Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting

14 December 2018

The Barossa Council Chambers 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa SA

I Meeting Preliminaries

Present

Board members: Mayor Peter Matthey – Chairman (Goyder), Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains) Mayor Wayne Thomas (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mayor Peter Slattery (Flinders Ranges), Mayor Bill O'Brien (Light), Mayor Denis Clark (Northern Areas), Chairman Kathie Bowman (Orroroo Carrieton), Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield), Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast), Mayor Leonie Kerley (Barunga West), Mayor Bim Lange (Barossa) and Mayor Darren Braund (Yorke Peninsula)

In Attendance

Cr Marcus Strudwick (Adelaide Plains), Cr Margaret Pope (Copper Coast), Mr Andrew Cole (CEO Barunga West), Dr Helen Macdonald, (CEO Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mr David Stevenson (CEO Goyder), Mr Colin Byles (CEO Northern Areas), Mr Jason Kuchel (CEO Wakefield), Mr James Miller (CEO Adelaide Plains), Ms Sheree Schenk (GM Adelaide Plains), Mr Martin McCarthy (CEO Barossa), Mr Andrew Cameron (CEO Yorke Peninsula), Mr Darryl Whicker (Actin CEO Flinders Ranges) Mr Matt Pinnegar (CEO LGA) and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group).

Apologies

Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM (Peterborough), Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie) and Mayor Philip Heaslip (Mount Remarkable). Council CEO's Mr Brian Carr (Light), Mr Peter Harder (Copper Coast), Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), Mr Colin Davies (Flinders Ranges), Mr Wayne Hart (Mount Remarkable), Mr Graeme Maxwell (Orroroo/ Carrieton) and Mr Peter McGuinness (Peterborough).

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.30am

Introduction

This being the first meeting of the Legatus Group since the 2018 Local Government elections all principal members the Constituent Councils in attendance provided a short introduction.

2 Welcome to The Barossa Council

Mayor Bim Lange welcomed everyone to Australia's Premier Wine Region and provided a background of his experiences in local government. He noted that like many of the constituent councils there was around a fifty percent change in elected members following the election. Mayor Lange outlined some of the recent achievements by The Barossa Council including the Flood Wall and CWMS leadership in its monitoring of systems. The new projects being initiated are the Angaston Train Station, Ovals

and Cultural Hub. He spoke about the interest in boundary reform and Brand Barossa with interest in looking at service centres and defining natural boundaries and the perceptions associated with urban boundaries.

3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 17 August 2018 at Jamestown.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on the 17 August 2018 at the Sir Hubert Wilkins Building OD5 Road Jamestown be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Denis Clarke

CARRIED

4 Presentations

4.1 Hon Tony Piccolo Shadow Minister for Planning and Local Government and Member for Light

Tony advised he will attend annually each Regional Organisation of Council meeting as a way of engaging with as many councils as possible. He will be involved with LGA major events and invites councils and regional organisations of councils to Parliament House where he can arrange meeting with the Shadow Cabinet. He provided an update on the Rate Capping Bill and the Labor Party's separate Bill. He was aware of the Rating Equity report by the Legatus Group and the recommendations by the LGA which had been raised with him. He indicated that whilst the Labor Party did not yet have a position, he believed that these developments were commercial enterprise and that they should be sharing the costs and wealth. He will work with the LGA in their efforts on this matter.

4.2 Mr Matt Pinnegar CEO LGA

Matt noted that the local government elections have resulted in a significant increase in the number of females who are now Mayors from 9 to 32 and a significant increase in the number of female elected members to around 45%. There was also an increase in the percentage of people voting. He spoke of the four pillars of the organisation: (1) LGA (2) Finance Authority (3) Mutual Liability / Workers Compensation and (4) Statewide Super which have made the organisation successful and stable. Local Government employs 11,000 full time equivalents.

Matt provided information on the key topics and the slides from his presentation are to be distributed to all Legatus Group Mayors and CEOs.

Questions asked of Matt with responses:

- Boundaries Legatus Group –This is an opportunity for councils to make decisions and there was no direction from the LGA
- Supplementary Road Funding –Noted the irregularities and that it is not enshrined with LGA advocating with ALGA to Federal Government.
- Community Passenger Transport funding –Aware of these issues which have been raised in the NDIS report by Legatus Group and will be included in recommendations to LGA.
- Heavy Vehicle Access –Recognised nationally and being progressed through ALGA with advocacy needed from members and issues around cost shifting and looking to form part of the Federal Govt election strategy.

4.3 Ms Anne Moroney CEO RDA Barossa, Gawler, Light, Adelaide Plains and Kelly-Anne Saffin CEO RDA Yorke and Mid North (presentation provided at 1.15pm)

Both provided updates on the following key areas and projects being progressed:

RDA Barossa, Gawler, Light, Adelaide Plains	RDA Yorke and Mid North
Barossa Campus outreach / University study hubs program	Meeting with Minister Tim Whetstone on Regional SA Strategy
Business to business program	Experts in residence being progressed across SA including start-up weekends being developed
Investor support program which includes assistance with site selection	UniHub progressing in Port Pirie
Regional cycling trails – led by Barossa Council	Migration early discussions being held with Commonwealth Govt re specific categories
Gawler regional business innovation / creative hub	2019 Leadership program being undertaken for whole of region
China ready program	Shop Local Campaign
Barossa Partnership including creative industries of art, music and design	Regional Employment Trials
Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme – initial pipes being laid	Expressions of interest for board members close end of December
RDSA Conference Food industry focus 23-24 May 2019 at The Bend Taillem Bend	NDIS issues around lack of service providers being discussed

5 Business arising no otherwise on the agenda

5.1 Deputy Chair Legatus Group

Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and advised that he had received a written (email) nomination for Mayor Bill O'Brien from the Light Regional Council on Tuesday 11 December 2018. This was after the agenda had been distributed. The email had been forwarded to all Legatus Group board members and to Constituent Councils on 12 December 2018. The Chair called for any other nominations for the position of Deputy Chair. There were no other nominations.

Motion: Mayor Bill O'Brien be elected to the position of Deputy Chair of the Legatus Group.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas

CARRIED

5.2 Chair and Committee Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee

The Chair called for nominations re the vacant elected member position.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group delegate authority to the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee to fill the vacancy for the one person who is not a member of the Board and who is determined to have financial experience relevant to the functions of the Audit & Risk Committee.
2. That the Legatus Group appoints Mayor Denis Clark for the vacant elected member position on the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee.
3. That the appointment by the board of the Chair for the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee awaits new members being appointed.

Motion: The Legatus Group CEO coordinates a workshop for constituent council in partnership with LGA and regional organisation on council's regional health plans to identify the support and resourcing for consideration in the 2019/2020 Legatus Group business plan.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien

Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

CARRIED

8.4 Drought.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group write to the Federal Minister, local Federal Member of Parliament and SAROC outlining their concerns with:
 - i. The timing of the roll out and its impact on SA Councils ability to deliver due to being advised 12 weeks later than Eastern States and SA was in the midst of council elections. This resulted in decisions on projects being delayed leaving little time to be complete by 30 June 2019.
 - b. Equity / clarity on the decision-making process for council selection as Port Pirie, Flinders Ranges and Peterborough not included.
2. That the Legatus Group take an active role in the longer-term issues and assist with delivery of planning to identify the gaps on what current services and programs are being delivered for a strategy that focuses on impacts if the drought conditions continue.
3. Partner with the RDA's in the need for continuity planning and identification of regional strategic projects that are scoped and ready for activating when funding opportunities occur.

Moved: Mayor Peter Slattery

Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

General discussion on areas to be covered in the letter included:

- Some communities lacking health services and medical practitioners
- Impracticality around the timelines for submitting, accessing and then acquitting
- Local suppliers not available

9 Audit and Risk Management Committee

Chairman Kathie Bowman provided a report with the agenda which contained the minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting 30 November 2018.

1. Motion: The Legatus Group notes the audit committee's motions regarding:
 - a. the current work plan;
 - b. review of current committees;
 - c. seeking quotes from a minimum of two new independent auditors for consideration by Legatus Group to change its independent auditor;
 - d. the 2018/2019 audit includes a checklist for computerised information system and laws and regulations plus questionnaires for electronic funds transfer banking controls, fraud and error and general journal; and
 - e. the Legatus Group does not currently impose a policy for setting a management fee for successful SLRP applications but that this be reviewed annually as part of the Legatus Group work plan.
2. The Legatus Group approve the allocation of the Regional Capacity Building surplus as of 30 June 2018 towards regional road and transport infrastructure subject to the approval of the 2019/2020 and long-term financial budget and that the board seeks consideration and any recommendations on the allocation of these funds by the Road and Transport Infrastructure Committee.
3. The Legatus Group note the budget variations for 2018/2019 that indicate an increase in income from the Rubble Royalties which could be utilised for recommendations at item 12.

4. The Legatus Group approve that the Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock be issued with a Legatus Group corporate credit card with a \$1,000 a month limit and in compliance with the Legatus Group credit card policy and that a report be provided on the expenditure as an agenda item at Legatus Group meetings.
5. The Legatus Group approve the transfer of banking from Bank SA to The Flinders Ranges Community Bank Agency.

Moved: Mayor Mark Wasley Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

10 Financial Report

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda containing the: (1) Profit and Loss (2) Balance Sheet (3) Movements in Equity (4) Statement of Cash Flow and (5) Budget Variance for the period 1 July 2018 till 15 November 2018. Noting that the formatting has changed due to the different format being used by Flinders Ranges Council.

Motion: The Legatus Group accepts that the first quarterly financial report for 2018/2019 has been contained within the financial report distributed to all board members and councils on 13 October 2018 and via the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting on 30 November 2018 and the board meeting held on 14 December 2018.

Moved: Mayor Darren Braund Seconded: Mayor Peter Slattery

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.40pm and resumed at 1.15pm refer to item 4.3

11 Legatus Group Regional Management Group

Northern Areas Council CEO Colin Byles provided a report with the agenda which contained the minutes of the Legatus Group Regional Management Group meeting held 30 November 2018.

General discussion held on the issues associated with LG Risk Services and the value of the region working together with a strategy paper to be considered following the workshop by the CEOs on 1 February 2018. Mayor Peter Matthey sought to be updated on the progress of these matters.

The meeting noted the report.

12 Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Flinders Ranges CEO Colin Davies provided a report with the agenda which contained the minutes of the Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting held 30 November 2018.

General discussion was held on the recommendation relating to funding a report on the socio-economic impacts of further deterioration of Horrocks Highway.

Motion:

1. The Legatus Group write to the Transport Minister Hon Stephan Knoll thanking him for the governments commitment of \$3 million for works on Horrocks Highway and seeking a response on the full works required, timeframes and costs of upgrading Horrocks Highway.
2. The Legatus Group support the staging of a workshop on the topic of heavy vehicle access for both elected members and administration that will coincides with the release of the deficiency report stage 2 of the Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan.
3. The Legatus Group CEO develops a report for consideration in the 2019/20 business plan for a bridge and rail crossing deficiency report.
4. The Legatus Group support to a maximum of \$7,000 for the scoping exercise approach received by AARB for developing a grant application for an unsealed road functionality for the Restricted Access Vehicle Route Assessment Tool.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange

Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien

CARRIED

13 Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which contained the minutes of the Legatus Road CWMS Advisory Committee meeting held 17 October 2018.

The meeting noted the report.

14 LGA and SAROC

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which contained the LGA topical report and SAROC key outcomes summary from 12 September 2018.

The meeting noted the report.

15 Other Business

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which contained his annual leave and disclosed outside interest.

The meeting noted the report.

16 Close of Meeting

The dates for the 2019 Legatus Group meetings are:

- Friday 15 February – District Council of Peterborough
- Friday 31 May – Wakefield Regional Council
- Friday 30 August – Port Pirie Regional Council
- Friday 29 November – Barunga West Council

Meeting closed by the Chair at 1.55pm and next meeting to be held Friday 15 February 2019 commencing at 10.30am and to be hosted by The District Council of Peterborough.

Signed as a true and correct record by Chairman Mayor Peter Matthey 15 February 2019