



Minutes of the Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting

5 June 2020

Meeting held via Zoom on-line conference commencing 10.30am

1 Meeting Preliminaries

The meeting was advised that each of the Board Members taking part in the meeting, must at all times during the meeting be able to hear and be heard by each of the other Board Members present. At the commencement of the meeting each Board Member announced their presence to all other Board Members following a roll call. Board Member were advised they must not leave the meeting by disconnecting their audio-visual or other communication equipment unless that Board Member has previously notified the Chair of the meeting.

The Northern Areas Council advised that Mayor Denis Clark is on leave and that Deputy Mayor Sue Scarman as such is the principal member of the Northern Areas Council on 5 June 2020.

Present

Board members: Mayor Peter Matthey OAM – Chairman (Goyder), Mayor Leonie Kerley (Barunga West), Mayor Wayne Thomas (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mayor Bill O'Brien (Light), Mayor Bim Lange (Barossa), Mayor Phillip Heaslip (Mount Remarkable), Mayor Peter Slattery (Flinders Ranges), Deputy Mayor Sue Scarman (Northern Areas), Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield), Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM (Peterborough), Mayor Darren Braund (Yorke Peninsula), Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains), Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast), Mayor Kathie Bowman (Orroroo Carrieton) and Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie).

In Attendance

Council CEO's Ms Maree Wauchope (Barunga West), Dr Helen Macdonald, (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mr Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield), Mr Sam Johnson (Mt Remarkable), Mr Dylan Strong (Orroroo Carrieton), Mr Peter McGuinness (Peterborough), Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula) and Mr Eric Brown (Flinders). Others Ms Anita Crisp (Uni Hub Spencer Gulf), Ms Claire Wiseman (RDA Far North), Ms Anne Moroney (RDA BLFAP), Mr Tony Fox (Northern and Yorke NRM), Ms Lisa Teburea (LGA), Mr Stephen Smith (LGA) and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group).

State MP's Hon Dan van Holst Pellekann, Hon Tony Piccolo and Federal MP Rowan Ramsey.

Apologies

Mayor Denis Clark (Northern Areas). Council CEO's Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Mr David Stevenson (Goyder), Mr Brain Carr (Light), Mr James Miller (Adelaide Plains) and Mr Colin Byles (Northern Areas). MP's Mr Fraser Ellis, Hon Stephan Knoll, Hon Geoff Brock and Mr John Gee. RDA YMN CEO Kelly-Anne Saffin.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.33am.

2 Welcome Host Council

Not applicable.

3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 28 February 2020 at Clare.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on the 28 February 2020 at the Valleys Lifestyle Centre Main North Road Clare be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Leonie Kerley Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

4 Presentations

4.1 Hon Dan van Holst Pellekann MP Minister for Energy and Mining and Member for Stuart: The Minister addressed the meeting on the following:

- COVID-19 noted the support, awareness of impact to regional businesses, mental health / wellbeing, interstate fly in drive in and the hundreds of people who need to cross boarders (concerns of some mine operators telling people the boarders aren't open to them is disappointing). Comfortable with boarder opening with NT and WA but not Vic.
- Rating Equity support to be include in the Reform Bill and as outlined at last Legatus Group meeting this includes support from Minister Knoll.
- Borrow Pits correspondence with SAROC Chair Mayor Vickery and State Director Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia Jason Kuchel. Noted there are inconsistencies from both sides on the approach and a need to keep costs low for councils re their roads and to be environmentally sensible and that the Local Govt Act is the appropriate location for legislation although recognise it needs more rigour in clarification.

Hon Dan van Holst Pellekann then left the meeting.

4.2 Lisa Teburea Executive Director Public Affairs LGA: Lisa addressed the meeting on the following points:

- COVID-19 – LGA Functional Support Group and support from councils. There has been good data which can be of assistance for future preparedness. The group is scaling back with LGA focus on recovery. Noted \$340m in projects that councils have identified and acknowledged the Australian Govt brining forward Federal Assistance Grants and awaiting the guidelines for the further \$40m being made available to SA Councils. \$25m has been made available for 37 projects in SA through Planning and Development grants and \$700,000 for community job support program. Continuing to advocate to unlock funding from GISA and Planning and Development Fund. Discussion with SA Govt re infrastructure projects and to better utilise Crown Land. Lobbying to wind back the solid waste levy which could provide \$13.6m to support Local Government not getting traction. Lobbying for the reintroduction of Youth Traineeship Program. Rate relief is being supported by every Council in various ways.
- Plan for SAROC and RDSA a focus for the next 12 months on working in collaboration.
- Local Govt Reform Bill being introduced soon and need to ensure Rating Equity is included.

4.3 Anita Crisp CEO Uni Hub Spencer Gulf: Anita addressed the meeting on the following points:

- Uni Hub established as a Regional University Study Centre by Spencer Gulf Cities to improve locally supported university access for our regional community and help meet shortages in skilled workforce
- Significant gap in skills requiring university level qualifications - VET qualifications consistent with state average.
- Community owned, responsive to local needs, underpinned by strong partnerships – operating where market has failed.
- Study centres in Port Pirie and Port Augusta supporting 112 students - strong interest from Kadina as a third site.
- Currently offering nursing, psychological science, education, social work, business, engineering, digital media.
- Delivery partners - CQ University, Adelaide University, Flinders University.
- University partners – fee-sharing on courses tendered by Uni Hub.
- Immediate opportunities – midyear intake: Assoc Degree in Engineering, Bachelor of Business, Master of Business Administration & Bachelor of Digital Media
- Continue to work with employers and industry groups to identify and broker qualifications to meet areas of skilled workforce demand.
- • MOU with Legatus to support Council skilled workforce needs (tourism, planning, public health, project management etc).
- Research, VET and professional short-courses.
- Establish university-accredited clinical nursing and engineering lab facilities in the region.
- Expand university partnerships – encourage more local support for distance students and collaborative presence.
- Stronger school engagement to support local pathways and career opportunities across catchment schools.

Mayor Leon Stephens acknowledged the progress of the UniHub in a short time since it commenced and complimented the diversity in its approach and for Councils to provide feedback to the UniHub.

4.4 Claire Wiseman CEO RDA Far North: Claire addressed the meeting on the following points:

- Overview of RDA Far North
- Priority projects including connectivity including key roads such as the Strzelecki Track and mobile black sport the NBN
- COVID-19 recovery current services include 1 on 1 business advisory services. 8% of the region on job keeper. Noted that sports hubs have been able to utilise the job keeper program. Over \$7.3b in possible private investment and that large percentage of the businesses in the region are mature with 63% of operators been there for over 10 years. Focus has been on keeping employees, adopting new systems and strengthening their marketing. Challenge for some have been no business planning / future planning although seen increase in use of technology during the past 3 months.

4.5 Anne Moroney CEO RDA Barossa Light Gawler Adelaide Plains: Anne addressed the meeting on the following points:

- The need to see the economy as a system and ensure alignment occurs with local government.

- Digital connectivity issues continue to be high priority to assist with attracting workers or having workers be able to remain and work remotely.
- Response being provided to COVID-19 including strong business to business support. The Business and Community network have been strength to the response and the use of a WhatsApp members support has seen positive outcomes.
- Noted the importance for the keeping strong relationship with China due to the importance for the wine industry.

4.6 Tony Fox Regional NRM Manager: Tony addressed the meeting on the following points:

- Thanked the member councils for promoting the nominations for the new board and that 46 applications were received from across the region and the new board have been in place for 3 weeks. The Minister noted the keen interest in the region and that the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board was the first in state. The board is predominantly farmers and following their first meeting they are identifying priority settings. The Business Plan will be available to Legatus Group soon and that he looks forward to being able to present at the next meeting on how the budget will be allocated. Staff will now be employees of the board.
- Thanked the Legatus Group on the work done re the Coastal Management Action Plan and the next stage will be the seed funding for implementation and interest in how this can be used to value add and seek other funding.

5 Business arising not otherwise on the agenda

5.1 Drought

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion:

- 1) That the Legatus Group notes the report and supports subject to the 2020/2021 Legatus Group Budget being approved that the Smart Irrigation Scheduling and Temperature Sensor System Project and Stormwater Harvesting Project are included in a proposed Regional Future Drought Fund Application.
- 2) That the Legatus Group Chair writes to the Hon Tim Whetstone MP Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development thanking the SA Government for the extension of the Family and Business Support Program in the Northern Region of the Legatus Group.
- 3) That the “Emerging themes for drought response and climate change resilience report” developed by Edge Consulting be received and published on The Legatus Group Website.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

5.2 Pigeon Control

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sue Scarman

CARRIED

6 Chairman's Report

6.1 Chairman's report

Chair Mayor Peter Matthey advised that he had attended all the required SAROC and LGA meetings on behalf of Legatus Group along with attending the meeting with Premier and Minister for drought support and noted that PIRSA were increasing support for FaB program and this will also be looked at in their 20/21 budget.

Motion: The Chairman's report be received.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange Seconded: Mayor Peter Slattery CARRIED

6.2 CEO's Performance Review

Chair Mayor Peter Matthey provided a report with the agenda on behalf of the Chair and Deputy Chairs relating to the annual CEO's performance review. The Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock then left the meeting and general discussion held on the report and recommendation.

Motion: That the Legatus Group supports the recommendation to provide a 2% increase to the CEOs remuneration commencing 1 July 2020.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas NOT CARRIED

Motion: That whilst there is no increase to the CEO's remuneration from the 1 July 2020 the Legatus Group notes the solid performance by the CEO and the generous offer to not seek an increase for his remuneration.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley CARRIED

7 Items referred by Councils

7.1 Flinders Ranges Council – Foreign Ownership of real assets in Australia

The Finders Ranges Council provided a report with the agenda and the Legatus Group CEO provided notes to the report.

Mayor Slattery introduced the motion "That the Legatus Group requests the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils Committee support and present a notice of motion to the Local Government Association of South Australia seeking their support for a combined approach to the Foreign Investment Review Board and the Commonwealth Ministers responsible for oversight of this Board expressing concern regarding the continuing growth of foreign ownership of assets in Australia, including in particular agricultural land and calling for significantly stricter controls on foreign ownership of all real assets in Australia" Motion not seconded. MOTION FAILED

8 Business Plan

The Legatus Group CEO's report was provided with the agenda and the Chair invited questions.

Motion:

- 1) That the Legatus Group notes the report.
- 2) That the Legatus Group supports the Disability Inclusion Action Project titled "Inclusive and accessible tourism experiences for the Yorke Peninsula".
- 3) That the Legatus Group CEO is authorised to progress a contract with the Department Environment and Water (Landscape Board) on stage 2 of the Yorke Mid North Coastal

Management Action Plan subject to there being no financial commitment from the Legatus Group.

- 4) That the Legatus Group CEO and Chair are supported to continue the development in partnership with the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, SA Government, RDA Yorke and Mid North and RDA Barossa Light Gawler Adelaide Plains a new Climate Change Sector Agreement.
- 5) That the Legatus Group continue to provide in-kind administration support for the Climate Change Sector Agreement whilst seeking to secure funding for a coordinator.
- 6) That the Building a Culture for Encouraging Regional Youth into Volunteering Report and the Creative Industries in the Legatus Group Region Report both be received and published on the Legatus Group website.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas CARRIED

9 Audit and Risk Management Committee

Mayor Kathie Bowman as Chair of the Committee provided a report which included copies of the minutes of their meetings 13 March 2020 and 22 May 2020 along with a report prepared on the Legatus Group Policies and a copy of the Legatus Group Charter.

Motion:

- 1) That Mayor Kathie Bowman be reappointed to the Audit and Risk Management Committee and that a further expression of interest is called for the vacant position of a professionally qualified officer, selected from staff of Legatus Group Councils.
- 2) That the Legatus Group endorse the 3 new Policies (1) Working from Home (2) Agenda items and Meeting Presentations (3) Board Members Code of Conduct and notes the report of the review of the policies that there is no need for any changes to current policies.
- 3) That the Legatus Group notes the Audit and Risk Management Committee acknowledgement of the detailed format of the current budget that has circulated to Member Councils, and that the Board endorse that the format be amended to a less detailed presentation at the first budget review to assist with operational efficiencies.
- 4) That the Legatus Group endorses a change to the Legatus Group Charter Item 5 as outlined in Item 3.2 of the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 22 May 2020 and that the Legatus Group CEO be requested to provide a report to the Constituent Councils seeking a resolution from each council.

Moved: Mayor Leonie Kerley Seconded: Mayor Peter Slattery CARRIED

10 Financial Report

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda containing the financial reports 1 July 2019 – 30 April 2020 including the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss by Job and Profit and Loss Summary reports and Legatus Group CEO's credit card and reimbursement for January 2020 – April 2020.

Motion:

- 1) That the Legatus Group notes the report for the period July 2019 – March 2020 summarising the financial position and performance of the Legatus Group against the Budget was provided to all constituent councils.
- 2) That the Legatus Group notes the financial report for the period July 2019 – April 2020.
- 3) That the Legatus Group notes the Legatus Group CEO’s credit card purchases.
- 4) That the Legatus Group approves Flinders Ranges CEO Eric John Brown and Megan Jane Dixon Director of Finance and Administration be included as signatories to the Legatus Group Bank accounts.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens CARRIED

11 Legatus Group 2020/2021 Business Plan and Budget

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda outlining the process and responses from constituent councils to the draft business plan and budget and that endorsement had been received from twelve of the councils. The meeting noted that the draft business plan and budget has yet to be considered by Northern Areas and Barunga West Council. The meeting noted the response from the Barossa Council and that an update of the Long Term Financial Plan has been provided. Mayor Bim Lange indicated that the Barossa Council were looking forward to receiving the response to their questions and that they were re-thinking services in general to their council.

Motion:

- 1) That the Legatus Group agrees in principal to the draft Business Plan and Budget for 2020/2021 subject to endorsement by all Constituent Councils.
- 2) That all Constituent Councils who have not responded regarding the draft 2020/2021 Business Plan and Budget and Strategic Plan and three-year Action Plan provide their response by Friday 26 June 2019.
- 3) That the Legatus Group CEO provides a response to the Barossa Council on their resolution regarding the Legatus Group Business Plan and Budget from their meeting held on 19 May 2020.
- 4) That the Legatus Group hold a telephone conference meeting on Friday 3 July 2020 to consider any comments from Constituent Councils and to adopt the draft 2020/2021 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley CARRIED

12 Legatus Group Regional Management Group

Mr Colin Byles Chair of the committee provided a report with the agenda that included the notes of their meeting on 8 May 2020.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Peter Slattery Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley CARRIED

13 Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

13.1 Committee meeting

Dr Helen Macdonald the Chair of the committee provided a report with the agenda which contained the notes of the Legatus Group Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting held 2 April 2020.

Motion: That the Legatus Group approves the updated 2030 Legatus Group Transport Plan Road Deficiency Action Plan

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Phillip Heaslip CARRIED

13.2 SLRP 20/21

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on the process and assessment of the 2020/2021 Legatus Group prioritising of roads for the Special Local Roads Program with the following roads listed in priority: (1) Turretfield Road Gomersal Road to Rosedale Road (Light), (2) Main Road 45 Waterloo Road to Steelton Road (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), (3) Stonewell Road Condor Lauke Way to Seppeltsfield Road (Light), (4) Orreroo Heavy Vehicle Bypass North Terrace (Orreroo Carrieton), (5) Basedow Road Murray Street to Light Pass Road (Barossa) and (6) Angle Grove Road Full length (Wakefield).

Motion: That the assessment and prioritising for Legatus Group region SLRP roads funding for 2020/2021 is endorsed.

Moved: Mayor Mark Wasley Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sue Scarman CARRIED

14 Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee

Andrew MacDonald Chair of the Committee provided a report which included the minutes of their meetings held on 6 March 2020 and 26 May 2020. Mayor Lange discussed a recommendation regarding the Asset Management by Remote Sensing being progressed via the MoU with UniSA and including the company IPACS and noted that these systems maybe already be in place.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley CARRIED

15 Legatus Group Visitor Information Services Advisory Committee

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included the minutes of their inaugural meeting on 8 May 2020.

Motion: The Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund CARRIED

16 Local Government Association and SAROC

The agenda included the SAROC Key Outcomes Summary from the 19 March 2020 and 21 May 2020 meetings. Lisa Teburea provided an update on the Stage 2 of the new Planning rules and that information will be provided to councils soon from the LGA.

Mayor Bim Lange leaves the meeting.

17 Other Business

17.1 COVID-19 Update

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on the work undertaken by Legatus Group.

17.2 GM Crops

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda on the “Genetically Modified Crops Management (Designated Area) Amendment Bill 2020. Lisa Teburea provided an update that LGA has distributed information and seeking greater clarity from the Minister.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley CARRIED

17.3 Hub and Spoke Innovation Model

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and advised he had distributed the letter and outline of the project from The City of Prospect to all Legatus Group Mayors and CEOs.

Motion: That the Legatus Group become an in-kind Hub and Spoke partner and that the Legatus Group CEO is to approved to be a member of the Steering Committee.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sue Scarman CARRIED

17.4 Smarter Regions Cooperative Research Centre

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included the information pack and investment required to become a project partner.

Motion: The Legatus Group become a collaborating projects Project Partner for the Smarter Regions Cooperative Research Centre project with a Legatus Group budget allocation of \$3,000.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded Mayor Bill O’Brien CARRIED

Hon Tony Piccolo MP leaves the meeting.

17.5 Support Regional Water Quality Improvement Program

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda regarding approach from Mt Remarkable and The Flinders Ranges Councils for assistance re ESCOSA Draft Regulatory Determination on Regional Aesthetics.

Motion: The Legatus Group supports the response provided by the Legatus Group CEO on the Regional Water Quality Improvement Program.

Moved Mayor Peter Slattery Seconded Mayor Phillip Heaslip CARRIED

18 NEXT MEETING

The meeting agreed that as The Finders Ranges Council was unable to host the meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions and the likelihood of restrictions being eased that the next meeting Friday 4 September 2020 which is the AGM followed by the Ordinary Meeting which was to be hosted by the Yorke Peninsula Council be hosted by The Finders Ranges Council.

19 CLOSE

Meeting closed by the Chair at 1.25pm

Signed as a true and correct record by:

Chairman Mayor Peter Matthey

Date