



Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting

27 November 2020 10am via zoom

1.0 Meeting Preliminaries

The meeting was advised that each of the Board Members taking part in the telecommunications meeting, must at all times during the meeting be able to hear and be heard by each of the other Board Members present. Each Board Member announced their presence to all other Board Members taking part in the meeting. The Board Members were advised that they must not leave the meeting by disconnecting their communication equipment unless they have previously notified the Chair of the meeting.

Mayor Bill O'Brien advised that he would be leaving the meeting at 11am and would endeavour to return if the meeting were still proceeding.

Present

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

In Attendance

Cr Greg Flint (Flinders Ranges), Mr David Stevenson (CEO Goyder), Mr Colin Byles (CEO Northern Areas), Mr Dylan Strong (CEO Orroroo Carrieton), Mr James Miller (CEO Adelaide Plains), Mr Russell Peate (CEO Copper Coast), Mr Eric Brown (CEO Flinders Ranges), Mr Sam Johnson (CEO Mt Remarkable), Ms Kelly-Anne Saffin (CEO RDAYMN), Mr Tony Fox (GM Northern and Yorke landscape Board), Mr Nathan Petrus & Ms Allison Down (LGA) and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group).

Apologies

Council CEO's Ms Maree Wauchope (Barunga West), Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Mr Brian Carr (Light), Mr Colin Davies (Peterborough), Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), Mr Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield), Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula) and Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare and Gilbert Valleys). MP's Hon Stephan Knoll (Schubert), Hon Geoff Brock (Frome), Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan (Stuart), Mr Fraser Ellis (Narrunga), Hon Tony Piccolo (Light), Mr John Gee (Taylor) and Federal MP Mr Rowan Ramsey.

1.1 Opening

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.03am

1.2 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and a report on the change to Mayor at Northern Areas Council was included with the agenda.

Motion: That the Legatus Group welcomes Mayor Ben Browne as the newly appointed Mayor of the Northern Areas Council and acknowledges the active support by Cr Denis Clark to the Legatus Group during his tenure as Mayor of the Northern Areas Council.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien Seconded: Mayor Phillip Heaslip **CARRIED**

Mayor Peter Slattery advised the meeting that he was resigning as Mayor at The Flinders Ranges Council and that elections would be held with a result likely by early March 2021.

Motion: That the Legatus Group acknowledges the active support by Mayor Peter Slattery for the past ten years to the Legatus Group during his tenure as Mayor of The Flinders Ranges Council.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley **CARRIED**

3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 4 September 2020.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 4 September 2020 be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid **CARRIED**

4 Presentations

4.1 Kelly-Anne Saffin CEO Regional Development Australia Yorke Mid North

Kelly-Anne (slides will be distributed after the meeting):

- COVID-19 and economic impacts although figures on retail have yet to come in
- People choosing to not re-enter the workforce
- Economic data now available through the Commonwealth Government
- A Job match program for the Yorke Mid North undertaken and focus now on immediate employment shortages
- Tourism across the region rebounded strongly and good forward bookings
- Local love where I live program now moving to a more regional marketing program
- Two Regional Growth Fund application confirmed and possibly more to follow
- BBRF waiting on announcement of opening date
- Strategic Planning process underway, Commonwealth have committed 4 ½ years to RDAs
- Call from YMN Chair and Board currently open

4.2 Tony Fox GM Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

- New Board now in place and commenced strategic planning process
- Aboriginal Engagement Committee commenced and includes Legatus Group CEO
- Attempting to meet twice a year with member councils and seeking increased engagement by Landscape Board staff with councils

- Grass roots grant saw over 60 applications with approx. 50% funded
- Great value in the Regional Alliance working on Coastal Management Action Plan and the Future Drought Fund – looking to work with councils on longer term multi-year projects
- Water allocation planning reviews commencing

5 Chairman’s Report

Chair Mayor Peter Mattey advised that he and Mayor Bill O’Brien had attended all the required SAROC and LGA meetings on behalf of Legatus Group. Noted that discussions with the new Minister for Local Government on Local Government Reform have been fruitful with the Minister being open and aware to the issues raised. Other items will be raised during the meeting.

Mayor Bill O’Brien noted the unsuccessful Climate Emergency motion at the LGA AGM and recognised that whilst the motion was not successful there is a need for action.

6 Business arising not otherwise on the agenda

6.1 Drought

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda including the “Future Drought Fund – Opportunities for the Northern and Yorke Region” report. He provided a written update prior to the meeting on the potential role for the Legatus Group re the Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub grant which closes 23 December 2021. He outlined he was a facilitating a meeting that afternoon with other regional partners on this topic.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group notes the report including that the Legatus Group CEO is working in collaboration through the Northern and Yorke Alliance on opportunities to identify and progress grants.
2. That the Legatus Group CEO publishes the Future Drought Fund report on the Legatus Group website.
3. That an Australian Postgraduate Research Internships project is undertaken to complete a Community Wellbeing Awareness and Gap Analysis report for greater clarity of the current situation and needs in the Legatus Group region.

Moved: Mayor Mark Wasley Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

CARRIED

6.2 Rating Equity

The letter from Hon Vickie Chapman Minister for Planning and Local Government was provided with the agenda and Mayor Mattey provided an update on the continuing discussions between the LGA and the Minister.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

CARRIED

6.3 Climate Change Sector Agreement

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

6.4 Reconciliation Action Planning Northern and Yorke Region

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included the “Reconciliation Action Planning Northern and Yorke Region” report.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group receives the Reconciliation Action Planning Northern and Yorke Region report and publishes it on its website.
2. That the Legatus Group delivers an ‘Acknowledgement of Country’ at the start of each meeting.
3. That Constituent Councils are encouraged to (1) consider the report and (2) liaise with the Legatus Group CEO on possible areas of support for Reconciliation Awareness and Sharing Culture Sessions.
4. That the report is used as the basis for further consideration in the Legatus Groups Strategic and Business Plans.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Ruth Whittle

CARRIED

Mayor Bill O’Brien leaves the meeting.

6.5 Strategic Planning Review

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and advised that he has still to meet with the Barossa, Port Pirie and Goyder Councils.

Motion: That the meeting notes the report and sets a new date in early February 2021 for the workshop.

Moved: Mayor Phillip Heaslip Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

CARRIED

6.6 RDA Funding Model

A letter from RDA Yorke Mid North Chair Mr Bill Vandepier was provided with the agenda.

Motion: That the meeting notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Ben Browne Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

7 Items referred by Councils

7.1 Support to Remarkable Southern Flinders Local Government Alliance

The District Council Mount Remarkable, Northern Areas Council & Port Pirie Regional Council provided and spoke to their report with the agenda. General discussions undertaken and consensus from the meeting was that support to sub-regional projects developed by member councils be a discussion item at the Legatus Group Strategic Planning Workshop.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the formation of the Remarkable Southern Flinders Local Government Alliance and supports the Alliance in the current financial year with administration support.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

NOT CARRIED

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the formation of the Remarkable Southern Flinders Local Government Alliance and supports the Alliance in the current financial year with administration support and a contribution of up to \$24,000.

Moved: Mayor Ben Browne Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

CARRIED

Mayor Bim Lange departs the meeting 11.55am

7.2 Copper Coast Council – Cat Management Laws

The Copper Coast Council provided and spoke to a report with the agenda and general discussions were held.

Motion: That the Legatus Group request the Local Government Association of South Australia through the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils to highlight to the State Minister for Environment and the Dog and Cat Management Board the need for review of cat management laws.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

8 20/21 Business Plan Project Updates

8.1 Project Updates: The Legatus Group CEO's report and Project Officer updates were contained in the agenda and the Legatus Group CEO provided the following updates:

- Use of the colour system to identify the current status of projects.
- Coastal Management Strategic Planning Session being held on 7 December 2020 has 26 attending with representatives from all 7 Coastal Councils.

The Chair invited questions.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

9 Audit and Risk Management Committee

Mayor Kathie Bowman as Chair of the Committee provided a report which included the minutes of their meeting held 13 November 2020. The Legatus Group CEO advised that he will be meeting with The Flinders Ranges Council CEO and Finance Officer in December to discuss amongst other things internal controls.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group notes the report.
2. That the Legatus Group investigates options for the provision of financial management services for the Legatus Group.

3. That the Legatus Group uses an external facilitator for the next Legatus Group CEOs performance review.
4. Reappoints Independent member Ian McDonald for a further two years commencing from 15 February 2021.
5. Calls for expressions of interest for the position held by Cr Denis Clark which will expire on 30 April 2021.

Moved: Mayor Peter Slattery Seconded: Mayor Ben Browne

CARRIED

10 Financial Report

10.1 2019/2020 Budget Comparison report for the audited 2019/2020 financial year.

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda containing the Budget Comparison report for the audited 2019/2020 financial year

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives and confirms the Budget Comparison report for the audited 2019/2020 financial report.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

10.2 2020/2021 Budget / Finance Update

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report containing the balance sheet and profit and loss statement for the July-Oct 2021 period and the budget comparison report for the first quarter 2020/2021. He advised the meeting that a budget update will be provided at the Strategic Planning Workshop after he meets with the Finance Officer.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the balance sheet and profit and loss report for the period 1 July – 31 October 2020 and the first quarter budget comparison for 2020/2021.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

10.3 LGA Research & Development Scheme Funding Interim Report

The Legatus Group CEO provided the interim report submitted to LGA. He advised that there has been response from LGA and that that a recent funding application submitted by the Legatus Group which was not approved had been noted by LGA that there was a large carry over of funds by the Legatus Group.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the Local Government Research & Development Scheme Funding Interim Report for 2020-21 has been provided to the LGA.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

CARRIED

10.4 CEO Credit Card Payments

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on the credit card expenditure for the period 1 August 2020 – 31 October 2020.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the CEOs credit card expenditure report for the period 1 August – 31 October 2020.

Moved: Mayor Phillip Heaslip Seconded: Mayor Ben Browne

CARRIED

11 Legatus Group Regional Management Group

Mr Colin Byles Chair of the committee provided a report with the agenda noting that they will be meeting in December 2020 subject to LGA Mutual availability.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Darren Braund Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

12 Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

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 18 November 2020.

Motion:

1. That the meeting notes the report.
2. Approves the Legatus Group CEO to obtain a quote for consideration by the Legatus Group re a consultancy to undertake a review of the Local Bridge Network in the Legatus Group Region for consideration of a regional approach under the Bridges Renewal Program.

Moved: Mayor Mark Wasley Seconded: Mayor Kathie Bowman

CARRIED

13 Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee

Andrew MacDonald Chair of the Committee provided a report which included the minutes of their meetings held on 10 November 2020.

Motion: That the meeting notes the report and writes to LGA Mutual thanking them for their involvement with the Legatus Group CWMS Risk Workshop.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Phillip Heaslip

CARRIED

Mayor Bill O'Brien returns to the meeting.

14 Legatus Group Visitor Information Services Advisory Committee

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included the minutes of their meeting on 6 November 2020.

Motion: The Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Phillip Heaslip Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

15 Local Government Association and SAROC

15.1 LGA Update

Nathan Petrus and Allison Down advised the meeting of:

- Infrastructure funding and shovel ready program

- Federal Govt support for apprentices and trainees via 50% subsidy
- Local Govt Reform Bill is likely to be debated in Parliament by Christmas
- SAROC meeting delayed and occurring next week
- Public Health Workshops are occurring
- Looking for items for the OGM by 25/2/2021

Murray Darling Association change of name.

Mayor Ruth Whittle raised the topic of the request by the Murray Darling Association to member councils re changing their name to the Murray Darling Local Government Association and Simon Millcock provided information from the LGA CEO of the opposition of the LGA to the proposed name change.

Motion: That the Legatus Group on behalf of its 15 member councils supports the LGASA current position of opposing the Murray Darling Association name change that would include the words Local Government Association.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

15.2 SAROC Key Outcomes report provided with the agenda.

16 Other Business

Nil

18 NEXT MEETING

Was to be hosted by the Adelaide Plains Council and the meeting noted that due COVID-19 both meetings planned in 2020 for the Yorke Peninsula Council were held via zoom.

Motion: That the next Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting be held on Friday 5 March 2021 starting at 10.30am be hosted by the Yorke Peninsula Council.

Moved: Mayor Darren Braund Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

The meeting noted that the Strategic Planning Workshop will be held in early February in Clare.

19 CLOSE

Meeting closed by the Chair at 12.38 pm

Chairman _____ Dated _____