



Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting

5 March 2021

Ardrossan Community Club Maitland Road Ardrossan

I Meeting Preliminaries

An acknowledgement of country was provided.

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 Greg Flint (Flinders Ranges), Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM (Peterborough), Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie) Mayor Wayne Thomas (Clare and Gilbert Valleys) and Mayor Darren Braund (Yorke Peninsula).

In Attendance

Council CEOs Mr David Stevenson (Goyder), Mr Dylan Strong (Orroroo Carrieton), Ms Maree Wauchope (Barunga West), Mr Russell Peate (Copper Coast), Mr Stephen Rufus (Peterborough) Mr Eric Brown (Flinders Ranges), Mr Sam Johnson (Mt Remarkable), Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), Mr Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield), Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula) and Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare and Gilbert Valleys). Mr Stephen Smith & Ms Allison Down (LGA). Mr Adam Gray (SACCA), Ms Angela Ruddenklau (PIRSA) and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group).

Apologies

Mayor Bim Lange OAM (The Barossa). Council CEO's Mr Colin Byles (CEO Northern Areas), Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Mr James Miller (CEO Adelaide Plains) and Mr Brian Carr (Light). Ms Kelly-Anne Saffin (CEO RDAYMN), Mr Tony Fox (GM Northern and Yorke Landscape Board), 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).

Opening

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.30am

2 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and a report on the change to Mayor at Flinders Ranges Council was provided with the agenda and Mayor Greg Flint was welcomed as their newly appointed Mayor.

3 Welcome to Yorke Peninsula

Yorke Peninsula Council Mayor Darren Braund welcomed everyone and discussed the learnings from the past couple of years and the outcomes from the 2019 fires. He discussed the strength gained during these times by community resilience and collaboration and the support received from various Governments and Agencies. The Yorke Peninsula has seen a major increase in numbers of South Australian visitors since the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in 2020 and the observations that people's priorities are being re-examined. Lifestyle of the Yorke Peninsula is a great economic driver.

4 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 27 November 2020.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 27 November 2020 be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

CARRIED

5 Business arising not otherwise on the agenda

5.1 Rating Equity

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and Mayor Matthey advised he would be following up with Minister van Holst Pellekaan.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report

Moved: Mayor Wayne Thomas Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

5.2 Cat Management

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

5.3 Financial Management Services

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda including the quote from CJ Davies Consulting. Mayor Matthey indicated that following the Audit Committee recommendation supported by Mayors Reid and O'Brien to approve the appointment of CJ Davies Consulting he had asked the matter to be discussed at the meeting.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group accepts the quote from CJ Davies Consulting for a 3-year term commencing from 1 April 2021 for providing the financial management services and that the Legatus Group CEO completes the contract.
2. That bank account signatories are changed to now be (1) Simon Millcock CEO The Legatus Group (2) Colin Byles CEO Northern Areas Council (3) Colin Davies CJ Davies Consulting.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Ruth Whittle

CARRIED

5.4 CEO Performance Review

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included the recommended questions for the interviews / survey and list of people identified by McArthur Consulting. General discussion with agreement that not all CEOs needed to be contacted.

Motion: That the Legatus Group advises McArthur Consulting that the questions provided are appropriate.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

5.5 Murray Darling Association

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda. Mayor Matthey outlined the conversation he had with the Murray Darling Association CEO and the request for an apology to the Legatus Group CEO.

Motion: That the Legatus Group endorses the response to the Murray Darling Association by the Legatus Group Chair.

Moved: Mayor Wayne Thomas Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

5.6 SA Coastal Council Alliance Governance and Funding

The Legatus Group CEO provided the letter from Adam Gray SACCA Executive Officer with the agenda and an updated report including the draft discussion paper. Adam Gray attended the meeting and provided further updates including that this will be an agenda item at SAROC on 18 March 2021.

Motion: Defer any decisions re the item and include on the agenda for the Legatus Group 11 June 2021 meeting and await feedback from South Australian Regional Organisation Councils.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Ben Browne

CARRIED

6 Presentations

Nil. The Legatus Group CEO advised that due to the afternoons workshop it had been recommended that RDA and Landscape Boards hold off any presentations for this meeting.

7 Chairman's Report

Chair Mayor Peter Matthey advised that items for discussion will be contained in the remainder of the meeting.

8 Items referred by Councils

8.1 Regional Public Transport

The Regional Council of Goyder provided a letter with the agenda sent to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport re the lack of public transport and requested the matter be progressed via the Legatus Group. General discussion held on a way to progress.

Motion: That the topic is an agenda item for the next Legatus Management Group meeting for a suggested approach to be provided for the 11 June 2021 Legatus Group meeting.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien

CARRIED

7.2 Coastal Tourism Infrastructure and Funding

The Adelaide Plains Council provided a report with the agenda including notes from the Legatus Group CEO. Mayor Wasley provided a presentation at the meeting.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group support the partnership of the Legatus Group Coastal Councils and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board re the Coastal Management Action Plan and associated Landscape Priorities Program Grant Application.
2. That the Legatus Group CEO continues to provide a coordination role to Legatus Group Coastal Councils for their involvement on collaborative projects including the Coastal Management Action Plan.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

9 20/21 Business Plan Project Updates

9.1 Project Updates: The Legatus Group CEO's report on 20/21 projects was contained in the agenda. The Chair invited questions.

Motion:

1. That the meeting notes the report
2. That the Legatus Group Chair and CEO are approved to be members for the Climate Change Sector Agreement Committee and that the Legatus Group provides administration to the committee for 2021.
3. That the Legatus Group receives the Sustainability Hub Concept Plan and publishes the plan on its website and considers its finding in the Legatus Group Strategic and Business Plans.
4. That the Legatus Group receives the New Realities Report and publishes the report on its website and considers the recommended actions in the Legatus Group Strategic and Business Plans.
5. That the Legatus Group receives the Socio-Economic Impacts of Road Deficiency Report and publishes the report on its website and considers its finding in the Legatus Group Strategic and Business Plans.
6. That the Legatus Group CEO develops in consultation with an Aboriginal lead a workshop to follow the June 2021 Legatus Group meeting for a module that focuses on "Working with Aboriginal People, Communities & Organisations" and that the Landscape Board and RDA Boards be invited to also attend.
7. That the Legatus Group encourages member councils to engage with their local Aboriginal Cultural Groups in their respective council regions to hold Aboriginal Cultural Awareness workshops delivered by the local Aboriginal Cultural Group.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

9.2 Project Officer Updates: The reports from all four Legatus Group Project Officers were contained in the agenda and the Legatus Group CEO provided the following update.

Waste: The final Regional Waste Management Infrastructure Report will be provided to member councils once the SAROC agenda has been released. The board were advised that this was a report

for SAROC and as their agenda had not been released it was not available in tome for the Legatus Group agenda. It will be used to assist the development of the Legatus Group Waste Management Action Plan. An application has been submitted to Green Industries SA to support the development of the Legatus Group Waste Management Action Plan and a reference group will be developed to support this project.

CWMS: A discussion paper developed through the Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee has been sent to the LGA CWMS Committee and awaits their response. The LGA Secretariat and Regional LGA Executive Officers had agreed this was the appropriate approach.

Wellbeing: Mayor Peter Matthey indicated a conflict of interest with regards this matter and left the room. Mayor Bill O'Brien Chaired the meeting.

The meeting sought an update on progress of the approach to Wellbeing associated with the drought and recommendations by the Legatus Group November 2019 meeting. The Legatus Group CEO provided an update on recent discussions with Wellbeing SA and the progress of the report on the mapping and gap analysis for the region. Angela Ruddenklau PIRSA and Dylan Strong CEO Orroroo Council who had been instrumental in the initial report and recommendations were at the meeting. Dylan provided an update on the Family and Business Support Officers appointed by PIRSA who's contracts are due to expire 30 June 2021.

Motion: That the Legatus Group undertakes a review of the motion from November 2019 to support the community wellbeing and to report if any changes are required including for the Family and Business Support Officers and that Mayor Wayne Thomas assists with the review.

Moved: Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

CARRIED

Note: November 2019 Motion: That the Legatus Group supports in partnership with the Councils of Orroroo Carrieton, Peterborough, Flinders Ranges, Northern Areas, Mount Remarkable, Port Pirie and Goyder the community wellbeing project for up to \$100,000 per year for the term of the project with an annual report to be provided.

Mayor Peter Matthey returned to the room and continued chairing the meeting.

10 Audit and Risk Management Committee

Mayor Kathie Bowman as Chair of the Committee provided a report which included the minutes of their meeting held 19 February 2021.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report and thanks the Flinders Ranges Council for the provision of Financial Management Services.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien Seconded: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

CARRIED

Motion: That Mayor Rodney Reid is appointed for 2 years to the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee commencing 30 April 2021.

Moved: Mayor Leonie Kerley Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

CARRIED

11 Financial Report

11.1 2020/2021 Budget Review

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda containing the amended budget for 2020/2021.

Motion: That the Legatus Group amends its 2020/2021 budget to the revised budget attached to the agenda.

Moved: Mayor Mark Wasley Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid **CARRIED**

11.2 2020/2021 Budget / Finance Update

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report containing the budget comparison report for the first half 2020/2021 which had been distributed to constituent councils and the balance sheet and profit and loss statement for the July-January 2021 period.

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

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Ben Browne **CARRIED**

11.3 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 November 2020 – 31 January 2021.

Moved: Mayor Phillip Heaslip Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund **CARRIED**

12 Legatus Group Regional Management Group

Mr Colin Byles Chair of the committee provided a report with the agenda which included the notes of their meeting held 12 February 2021.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Ruth Whittle **CARRIED**

13 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 their meeting held 12 February 2021.

Motion:

1. That the meeting notes the report.
2. That Dr Helen Macdonald is reappointed as Chair to the Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee for a further 2-year term.

Moved: Mayor Darren Braund Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid **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 11 February 2021.

Motion: That the meeting notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

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 meeting on 19 February 2021.

Motion: The Legatus Group notes the report and appoints Stephen Rufus as the Chair of the Committee for a 2-year term.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Phillip Heaslip

CARRIED

15 Local Government Association and SAROC

15.1 LGA Update

Stephen Smith LGA provided an update on (1) Local Government Reform and Rating Equity and discussions continue including with the crossbench Members of Parliament and the new Opposition Spokesperson (2) Planning Reform phase 2 councils congratulated and discussed the progress for those involved with phase 3.

Allison Down LGA provided an update on the SAROC Strategic Plan. Discussions focussed on the recent SAROC meeting with regards Regional Health and Wellbeing as high priorities and the inability to attract workers. Transport, Education the roles of RDSA and SAROC plus the need by councils also to attract and retain staff were discussed.

15.2 SAROC Key Outcomes report provided with the agenda. Legatus Group CEO to provide with the minutes the reports from Legatus Group to SAROC.

16 Other Business

Nil

18 NEXT MEETING

Friday 11 June 2021 to be hosted by Adelaide Plains Council commencing at 10am with a workshop to follow "Working with Aboriginal People, Communities & Organisations" venue to be confirmed.

19 CLOSE

Meeting closed by the Chair at 12.40 pm

Chairman _____ Dated _____