



Unconfirmed Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting

10 December 2021

Function Room of the Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre

I A Doswell Terrace Kadina and via zoom

I Meeting Preliminaries

Present

Board members: Mayor Phillip Heaslip – Chair (Mt Remarkable) Mayor Peter Matthey OAM (Goyder), Mayor Leonie Kerley (Barunga West), Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast), Mayor Bill O'Brien (Light), Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains), 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,) and Mayor Darren Braund (Yorke Peninsula).

In Attendance

Mr Colin Byles (CEO Northern Areas), Mr Andrew MacDonald (CEO Wakefield), Mr James Miller (CEO Adelaide Plains – online), Mr Russell Peate (CEO Copper Coast), Dr Helen Macdonald (CEO Clare and Gilbert Valleys), Mr Eric Brown (CEO Flinders Ranges), Mr Stephen Rufus (CEO Peterborough), Mr Sam Johnson OAM (CEO Mt Remarkable), Ms Maree Wauchope (CEO Barunga West), Ms Kelly-Anne Saffin and Mr Daniel Wilson (RDAYMN), Mr Lea Bacon (LGA), Mr Andrew Lamb (LGA on-line), Mr Tony Fox (NY Landscape Board) Ms Tracey Rains (Legatus Group) and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group)

State MP's: Hon Geoff Brock MP and Fraser Ellis MP

I.1 Apologies

Mayor Wayne Thomas (Clare and Gilbert Valleys) and Mayor Bim Lange OAM (The Barossa). Council CEO's Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Mr Brian Carr (Light), Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula), Mr Dylan Strong (Orroroo Carrieton), Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), Mr David Stevenson (Goyder),

Opening

The Chair Mayor Phillip Heaslip opened the meeting at 10:32am

An acknowledgement of country was provided.

Mayor Roslyn Talbot welcomed everyone to the Sports and Leisure Centre and to the Copper Coast Council which is renowned for being a destination of choice for lifestyle, beaches and tourism. Mayor Talbot outlined key projects which have been or are underway including the Moonta Town Hall, Kadina CBD, Illuminart Wallaroo Silos, Paskeville Storage Tank Enclosure, Kadina Victoria Square Plaza, Wallaroo Dog Park, Resource Recovery Centre Weighbridge, North Beach Sand Drift Management Plan, Copper Coast Uni Centre, National Trust Moonta Mines Precinct, Bay Road Project plus events including Masters Games and the new FLAME Festival in 2022.

1.2 Leave of Absence - Nil

1.3 Conflict of Interest – The meeting noted for consideration Mayor Peter Matthey re item 4.4

1.4 Previous meeting minutes

1.4.1 Minutes Legatus Group meeting 3 September 2021

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting held on 3 September 2021 be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded Mayor Ben Browne

CARRIED

1.4.2 Minutes Legatus Group Special Meeting 3rd December 2021

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Special Meeting held on 10 December 2021 be taken as read and confirmed.

This matter was held over until item 8 re confidential item.

1.5 Legatus Group Action List (July - November 2021)

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda on resolutions of the Legatus Group requiring action relating to 2021/2022 Ordinary and Special meetings.

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives and notes the report.

Moved Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

1.6 Deferred / Adjourned Items

Listed as item 8 of the agenda – Legatus Group CEO Employment Contract from Special Meeting held 3 December 2021.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Lea Bacon LGA – Discussed key role for the LGA in 2022 will be on all 3 levels of Govt elections and this will commence over next couple of weeks with the State and Federal election platform. The LGA is working with the Regional LGA Executive Officers, SAROC and GAROC on priority areas for councils along with topics such as housing, medical and homelessness. LGA will be looking at support from Councils on sharing local voices. The members survey will go the board in January. Items of business for the OGM can be raised through Legatus and then onto SAROC. Meeting being held by LGA Chair and CEO with the new Minister. New Planning Commissioner recently met with SAROC. Lea thanked the Legatus Group for taking the lead on the SA Regional Roads project.

2.2 Tony Fox GM Northern and Yorke Landscape Board – Update on projects (1) the region is 1 of 6 regions in Australia to undertake Pilot Carbon Credits project (2) Round 2 Landscape Priorities Fund has 4 projects to be submitted (a) Resilient Coastal (b) Barn Owl (c) Regenerating Catchments (d) Red Tailed Phascogale and (3) Drought Resilience Projects.

2.3 Kelly-Anne Saffin CEO RDA YMN – Updates on (1) Drought Resilience Planning Pilot Project (2) 2022 Regional Forum 11 Feb 2022 at Kadina with topic Workforce and Housing (3) Economic Summit 22 April 2022 at Port Pirie and (4) RDSA Blueprint.

2.4 Hon Geoff Brock MP – Outlined the private members bill he introduced re fair rating for Electricity Generators and that this unable to be debated due to the next day Parliament was suspended until after election. Discussed his support for the Land Access Bill.

2.5 Fraser Ellis MP – Welcomed everyone to Kadina and acknowledged the great work of the local councils.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR NOTING

The Chairs of the following Committees provided with the agenda the minutes of their meetings: (1) Audit and Risk Management Committee, (2) Regional Management Group Meeting, (3) Community Wastewater Management Committee and (4) Visitor Information Services Committee. The Legatus Group Chair invited any questions / comments on these minutes.

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives and notes the Committee minutes as a block.

1. Legatus Audit and Risk Management Committee held 22 November 2021
2. Legatus Audit and Risk Management Committee held 30 November 2021
3. Legatus Group Regional Management Group meeting held 12 November 2021
4. Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee meeting held 20 October 2021
5. Legatus Group Visitor Information Services Advisory Committee meeting held 5 November 2021

Moved Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded Mayor ben Browne CARRIED

4. REPORTS FOR DECISIONS

4.1 Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Committee Dr Helen Macdonald provided a report with the agenda which was the minutes of their meeting held on 22 November 2021 and the Legatus Group Chair invited discussion.

Motion:

1. That the minutes of the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting held on 22 November 2021 be received.
2. That the Legatus Group provides the following response to the Local Government Association with regards the Special Local Roads Program funding:
 - a. That any gaps identified in the data / applications and prioritising by the regions needs to be articulated to each Regional LGA to assist them in ensuring they have the most rigorous process that aligns with funding assessment obligations; and
 - b. there needs to be a review of the criteria to ensure equity occurs for all councils and that this should include identifying a standard format for assessment.

Moved Mayor Ruth Whittle Seconded Mayor Leonie Kerley CARRIED

4.2 Business Plan Update

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda along with an update on (1) the Expression of Interest for the Resilient Coastal Ecosystem now moving into Stage 2 for funding application and that Brian Hales has been contracted to complete and will be seeking letters of support next week (2) that under the research items in the business plan the Smarter Regions CRC bid was not successful but that Plastic Waste Bid CRC was. The Legatus Group Chair invited discussion.

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives and notes the report.

Moved Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded Mayor Bill O'Brien CARRIE

4.3 Financial Report

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda that included the Legatus Management Report for November 2021, Profit & Loss Jobs Report for November 2021, Bank reconciliation for November 2021 and Credit Card expenses September 2021 – November 2021. The Legatus Group Chair invited discussions.

Motion: That the Legatus Group:

1. receives the report and that pursuant to Section 123(13) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Section 7 of the Local Government (Financial management) Regulations 2011 that the Legatus Group notes the contents of the Statutory Finance Reports for the period ending 30 November 2021;
2. notes the CEOs credit card expenditure report for 1 September 2021 till 30 November 2021; and
3. supports the Audit and Risk Management Committee recommendation that there is no change to Budget Review 1 and that all considerations for any changes are provided in Budget Review 2 being the mid-year review and that this review will include written information provided in a management format.

Moved Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded Mayor Peter Matthey

CARRIED

4.4 Wellbeing – Support from the Legatus Group

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included a letter from Lifeline Connect Broken Hill. Mayor Peter Matthey indicated that he did not have a conflict of interest in this report and its recommendations. The Legatus Group Chair invited discussion.

Motion: That the Legatus Group:

1. Receives and notes the report;
2. approves the Legatus Group CEO to continue investigating an improved model for regional coordination to support mental health services and wellbeing across its Northern Council members;
3. approves in principal support of the development of a formal alliance with Lifeline Broken Hill Country to Coast for consideration at further meeting of the Legatus Group; and
4. writes to the Minister for Health and Minister of Primary Industries and Regions confirming this approach.

Moved Mayor Bill O'Brien Seconded Mayor Leon Stephens

CARRIED

4.5 Legatus Waste and Recovery Strategy & Action Plan

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included the Legatus Group Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2026 prepared by Rawtec. The Legatus Group Chair invited discussion.

Motion: That the Legatus Group:

1. receives and notes the report;
2. requests the Legatus Group CEO distribute the Legatus Group Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2026 for consideration and feedback from the Constituent Councils by 28 February 2022; and

3. requests the Legatus Group CEO develop a draft Terms of Reference for a Legatus Group Waste Management Advisory Committee for consideration at the 11 March 2022 Legatus Group meeting.

Moved Mayor Mark Wasley Seconded Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

4.6 Appointment of Legatus Group member to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda. The Legatus Group Chair invited discussion which included to issue of the Landscape Board considering if members could have proxies attend. Simon Millcock and Tony Fox indicated they would raise this at the next Aboriginal Engagement Committee.

Motion: That the Legatus Group:

1. receives and notes the report;
2. appoints Mayor Bill O'Brien as the Legatus Group representative on the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee.

Moved Mayor Leonie Kerley Seconded Mayor Ruth Whittle

CARRIED

4.7 Increased Support re Community Wastewater Management

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with agenda and the Legatus Group Chair invited discussion. Mayor Matthey provided an update on the progress by the LGA CWMS Management Committee on the reform process.

Motion: That the Legatus Group:

1. receives and notes the report;
2. acknowledges the leadership provided by the Legatus Group in progressing support for member councils re Community Wastewater Management Schemes through its partnership with the LGA CWMS Management Committee; and
3. that the Legatus Group CEO provides a report to the Local Government Association via the Chair of the LGA CWMS Management Committee and the Chair of the South Australia Regional Organisation of Councils recommending the areas for increased resources to be allocated to support Councils with Community Wastewater Management Schemes.

Moved Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

4.8 Fair Rating of Electricity Generators

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and the Legatus Group Chair invited discussion.

Motion: That the Legatus Group

1. receives and notes the report and acknowledges the continued advocacy by the Legatus Group, South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils and the Local Government Association; and
2. supports Legatus Group Councils and the Legatus Group Chair and CEO on behalf of the Legatus Group to continue to reaffirm the position of the Local Government Association of its opposition to provisions in the Electricity Corporations (Restructuring and Disposal) Act 1999, which prevent councils levying fair rates on land used for electricity generation.

Moved Mayor Ben Browne Seconded Mayor Kathy Bowman

CARRIED

4.9 Legatus Group Charter

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda along with the Legatus Group Charter and the Legatus Group Chair invited discussion. General discussion held on the report and recommendations.

Motion: That this report and recommendations be deferred to a separate meeting on the Charter.

Moved Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded Mayor Peter Matthey CARRIED

4.10 Legatus Group Strategic Plan Review

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and the Legatus Group Chair invited discussion.

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives and notes the report and determines that a workshop by the Legatus Group regarding the Legatus Group Strategic Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan will be held at the 11 March 2022 Legatus Group Meeting.

Moved Mayor Talbot Seconded Mayor Reid CARRIED

Mayor Ben Browne left the meeting 12.29am

4.11 Legatus Group support for Rural Doctor Network

Mayor Bill O'Brien provided a report with the agenda and spoke to the report re health services in Rural South Australia and the Legatus Group Chair invited discussion. Lea Bacon outlined that the LGA is amplifying this matter at a State and Federal level and will continuing working with councils on this matter.

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives and notes the report.

Moved Mayor Bill O'Brien Seconded Mayor Leonie Kerley CARRIED

Mayor Ben Browne returned to the meeting 12.33pm

5. MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

5.1 Motions of which Notice has been Given Nil

5.2 Motions without Notice

The Legatus Group Chair asked members if there are any motions without notice. Nil

5.3 Questions with Notice

The meeting noted that the item in the agenda was not a question of notice.

5.4 Questions without Notice Nil

6. Members Communication

6.1 Legatus Group Chair Mayor Phillip Heaslip

The Legatus Group Chair provided a verbal report of meetings held with Deputy Premier and Hon Geoff Brock re Legatus Group matters. He has attended the Northern and Yorke Alliance and Landscape Board meetings and met with the SA Tourism Commission. He has undertaken some ABC radio interviews.

6.2 SAROC

The Legatus Group Chair invited the SAROC representatives Mayor Peter Matthey and Bill O'Brien to provide a verbal update.

Mayor Peter Matthey provided a verbal report on the work of SAROC re (1) Rating Equity (2) Housing Issues and (3) the outcome of the Wakefield Regional Councils recommendation (which he supported) to SAROC for an agenda item to LGA on the review of the financial formula for roads funding which was rejected by SAROC.

7. Correspondence

The correspondence for the Legatus Group September – November 2021 was presented with the agenda and Mayor Kerley sought clarification on her letter to the Chair re meeting procedures. This matter to be followed up after the meeting.

Moved Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

That the Legatus Group receives and notes the correspondence items:

- 7.1 To Andrew Johnson Action CEO LGA re Acknowledgement of Michelle Wittholz CWMS Program Manager
- 7.2 To Hon David Basham Minister Primary Industry and Regions re Extension of Family and Business Support Officers Wellbeing
- 7.3 From Hon Vickie Chapman Minister for Local Government re Grants Commission
- 7.4 From Hon David Basham Minister Primary Industry and Regions re Wellbeing
- 7.5 To Mayor Peter Matthey Chair LGA CWMS Management Committee re CWMS Reform Agenda
- 7.6 To Cathie Brown CEO Leaders Institute of SA re Australian Rural Leadership Foundation – Regional Australia Institute Building Regional Resilience Initiative
- 7.7 To Anita Crisp CEO Uni-Hub Spencer Gulf re Australian Rural Leadership Foundation – Regional Australia Institute Building Regional Resilience Initiative
- 7.8 To Clinton Jury CEO LGA SA re Acknowledgement of Toni Clarke

8. Confidential Items

8.1 Legatus Group CEO Contract Extension and Minutes of Special Meeting held 3 December 2021.

Motion: That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Committee orders that all persons present with the exception of the Legatus Group Board members be excluded from the meeting as the Board considers that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in circumstances where the Board will receive and consider a report relating to the personal affairs of a person (living or dead) being a report associated with the outcomes of the Chief Executive Officer's 2020/21 performance review and employment contract.

Moved Mayor Peter Matthey Seconded Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

All those apart from the Legatus Group Board left the meeting at 12.50pm

At 1.48 pm the Legatus Group Chair invited all others to return to the meeting.

9. Other Business

Nil

NEXT MEETING

Friday 11 March 2022 to be hosted by The Barossa Council

CLOSE

The Chair closed the meeting at 1:52pm