



Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting

11 March 2022

The Barossa Council Chambers 43-51 Tanunda Road Nuriootpa and online

I Meeting Preliminaries

Present in person Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains Council), Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast Council), Mayor Kathie Bowman (Orroroo Carrieton Council), Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield Regional Council), Mayor Bim Lange OAM (The Barossa Council), Mayor Bill O'Brien (Light Regional Council), Mayor Ben Browne (Northern Areas Council), Mayor Wayne Thomas (Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council) and Deputy Mayor Cassandra Chambers (District Council of Peterborough) and on line Mayor Peter Matthey OAM (Goyder Regional Council), Mayor Greg Flint (Flinders Ranges Council) and Deputy Mayor Alan Zubrinich (Port Pirie Regional Council).

In Attendance in person Mayor Angela Evans (LGA President), Clinton Jury (LGA CEO), Tony Fox (Landscape Board GM), CEOs Stephen Rufus (Peterborough), Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Andrew Macdonald (Wakefield) and Martin McCarthy (The Barossa) and Simon Millcock (Legatus Group CEO) and online Tracey Rains (Legatus Group Admin Officer)

1.1 Apologies

Mayor Phillip Heaslip (District Council of Mount Remarkable), Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie Regional Council), Mayor Leonie Kerley (Barunga West Council), Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM (District Council of Peterborough) and Mayor Darren Braund (Yorke Peninsula Council).

Opening

Deputy Chair Mayor Rodney Reid in the absence of the Chair opened the meeting at 10:33am

An acknowledgement of country was provided by Mayor Bim Lange.

Mayor Bim Lange OAM welcomed everyone to the Barossa Council and special welcome to LGA President and CEO. Mayor Lange outlined The Barossa Councils vision and challenges and their efforts to secure a hospital and potable water for the Eden Valley and Springton region. He acknowledged the impacts of climate change and the resilience of the local industries and the response that local government has provided especially during the COVID-19. Areas of growth such as Concordia and its potential for 20,000 people, the use of smart city technology and reuse of water and effluent. The Barossa Councils Economic Development Plan is in its consultation phase and the Council is a proud supporter of the Barossa Brand. Major sports, culture, music and community projects valued at over \$25m have secured around \$9m in funding. The council continues to support the creative industries and is actively embracing an alignment with the first nations people from the region.

1.2 Leave of Absence

The meeting noted the following: Port Pirie Regional Council advised that their Principal Member Mayor Leon Stephens was on leave and as such Deputy Mayor Cr Alan Zubrinich was attending as the principal member for the Port Pirie Regional Council. Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM the District Council

of Peterborough advised that she is on leave and that Cr Cassandra (Cass) Chambers, Deputy Mayor DC Peterborough will be the Principal Member for the meeting.

1.3 Conflict of Interest

The Chair sought responses from those attending if they had any conflict of interest and there were nil.

1.4 Minutes Legatus Group Special Meeting 21 February 2022

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Special Meeting held 21 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mayor Wayne Thomas Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasleys CARRIED

1.5 Legatus Group Action List (July 2021 - February 2022)

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 Bill O'Brien Seconded: Mayor Kathie Bowman CARRIED

1.6 Deferred / Adjourned Items

Nil

1.7 Late item for inclusion in the meeting.

The Chair sought leave of the meeting for the late item provided by Mayor Leon Stephens on the matter of remuneration that had been distributed to all members prior to the meeting to be included in agenda item 7 other business.

Motion: That the report by Mayor Leon Stephens on remuneration be included in other business at item 7 of the meeting.

Moved: Mayor Ben Browne Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Mayor Angela Evans, City of Charles Sturt Mayor and LGA President. Mayor Evans outlined the LGA approach to the current State Election and upcoming Federal Election. She noted key issues being progressed around regional liveability, housing and attraction of medical workforce. Whilst noting the leadership that the Legatus Group has had in the Local Government sector through the SA Regional Organisation of Councils and the Regional LGA Network and that this is valued by the LGA Board. Specific areas identified that Legatus has had an influence on are the State Roads Mapping project, CWMS and the LGA has referred the areas of support back to the LGA CWMS Committee for feedback. Plus, work undertaken this year by the Legatus Group in developing the Waste Management Infrastructure for South Australian Regional Local Government report and its own Waste Resource and Recovery Strategy. This included the trail compost site and investigation into Material Recovery Facilities as example of the value that the Legatus Group is providing is not just to its members but the sector as a whole. Planning reform continues to be a priority for the LGA.

Both Mayor Evans and Clinton Jury then took questions from those attending and discussions centred on Regional Road Funding Equity and the Special Local Roads Program funding and on areas of wellbeing, homelessness and volunteering.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR NOTING

The Chairs of the Committees provided with the agenda the minutes of the following meetings: (1) Audit and Risk Management Committee, (2) Regional Management Group Meeting and (3) Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee. The Legatus Group Chair invited any questions / comments on these minutes.

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives and notes the minutes of the:

1. Legatus Audit and Risk Management Committee held 1 March 2022
2. Legatus Group Regional Management Group meeting held 25 February 2022
3. Legatus Group Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee held 25 February 2022

Moved: Mayor Peter Matthey Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas CARRIED

4. REPORTS FOR DECISIONS

4.1 Legatus Group Committee Extensions

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

Motion: That the Legatus Group calls for expressions of interest for the position of a Board Member and 1 Professionally Qualified Officer selected from Council staff for the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Moved: Mayor Ben Browne Seconded: Mayor Kathie Bowman CARRIED

Motion: That the Legatus Group approves the continuation of a Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee under the current terms of reference for a further two years and calls for expressions of interest from members councils, Regional Development Australia, and Department Infrastructure Transport and that the current Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee continues until the appointment of a new committee.

Moved: Mayor Wayne Thomas Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasleys CARRIED

Motion: That the Legatus Group approves the continuation of the Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee under the current terms of reference for a further two years and calls for expressions of interest from members councils.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas CARRIED

4.2 Legatus Group 2030 Regional Roads Plan

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

Motion: The Legatus Group receives and notes the report and endorses Hills Road (Goyder Council) and Cotton Road (District Council of Peterborough) to be added to the Legatus Group 2030 Regional Roads Plan Roads Data base.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cassandra Chambers CARRIED

4.3 Legatus Group Business Plan

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.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasleys

CARRIED

4.4 Financial Report

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

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 31 January 2022.
2. Receives and adopts the revised 2021/2022 Budget Review 2 and notes that there is no need to submit the revised budget to member councils for their approval.
3. Notes the CEOs credit card expenditure report for 1 December 2021 till 28 February 2022.

Moved: Mayor Peter Matthey Seconded: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

CARRIED

4.5 Legatus Group CEO Key Performance Indicators

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.

Moved: Mayor Mark Wasleys Seconded: Mayor Kathie Bowman

CARRIED

Motion: That the Legatus Group appoints Mayors Bill O'Brien, Ben Brown, Mark Wasleys and Rodney Reid to join the Legatus Group Chair to be part of the review panel to engage with the Legatus Group CEO on the CEO's Key Performance Indicators and the setting of new and achievable Key Performance Indicators.

Moved: Mayor Peter Matthey Seconded: Mayor Bim Lange

CARRIED

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO in compliance with the Legatus Group Procurement Policy to contract an external consultant to assist in the setting of new and achievable Key Performance Indicators for the new Legatus Group CEO 2-year contract which commences on 5 June 2022.

Moved: Mayor Kathie Bowman Seconded: Mayor Ben Browne

CARRIED

4.6 Legatus Group Waste and Resources Recovery Strategy (WRRS) and Action Plan

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

1. endorses the 2021-2026 Legatus Group Waste and Resources Recovery Strategy and Action Plan and publishes it on its website;
2. approves the formation of the Legatus Group Waste Management Advisory Committee.
3. adopts the attached terms of reference as per the agenda;
4. supports the investigation by the Legatus Group Project Manager of Regional Waste Management Authorities for further consideration by the Legatus Group; and

5. acknowledges the support of Dr Paul Chapman to (a) the District Council of Peterborough in their application for funding to Green Industries SA for a grant re trial composting site and (b) developing a report for Regional SA on the potential to establish a Regional Materials Recovery Facility.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas CARRIED

4.7 Legatus Group Office

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 approves the closure of the Legatus Group Office.

Moved: Mayor Ben Browne Seconded: Mayor Roslyn Talbot CARRIED

4.8 Increased Support re Community Wastewater Management

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 along with the response from the SA Regional Organisation of Councils; and approves the Legatus Group CEO to seek an extension for a further year to the Joint CWMS Services Arrangements by Legatus Group to the LGA CWMS Management Committee subject to the outcome of the LGA CWMS Management Committee advice and recommendations.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas CARRIED

4.9 Wellbeing and Health

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and the Legatus Group Chair invited discussion. General discussion included issues facing the region with regards volunteers and emergency services such as SA Ambulance and interest from the LGA and the board. Simon Millcock undertook to provide a report on this matter for the next Legatus Group meeting.

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives and notes the report and approves the Legatus Group CEO to progress with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Legatus Group and Lifeline Broken Hill Country to Coast.

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

4.10 Fair Rating of Electricity Generators

The Legatus Group provided a report with the agenda and an updated at the meeting on the responses from Candidates for the upcoming State Election the Legatus Group Chair invited discussion.

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives and notes the report and supports the Legatus Group Chair and CEO in distributing publicly the results of the responses or lack of response from candidates to this year's SA Election.

Moved: Mayor Peter Matthey Seconded: Mayor Bim Lange CARRIED

4.11 Legatus Group Policies

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;

1. that the Legatus Group CEO develops policies for Risk Management, Member Induction, Freedom of Information Statement and Records Management for consideration by the Legatus Group; and
2. that the Legatus Group notes the Informal Gathering Policy is no longer required and that it is removed from the policies register

Moved: Mayor Mark Wasleys Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien

CARRIED

5 MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

5.1 Motions of which Notice has been given Nil

5.2 Motions without Notice The Chair asked Members if there were any motions without notice and there were none.

5.3 Questions with Notice Nil

5.4 Questions without Notice The Chair asked Members if there are any questions without notice and there were none.

6 MEMBERS COMMUNICATION

6.1 Chairs report: Nil

6.2 SAROC members report:

Mayor Peter Matthey noted that the majority of the information had been provided by the LGA President. Mayor Bill O'Brien expanded on the topics of Social Media, Stamp Duty, Office of the Immediate Past President and Housing issues.

6.3 Northern and Yorke Aboriginal Engagement Committee report:

Mayor Bill O'Brien outlined his attendance at the meeting held on country in Melrose and the presentation on the local sites including where they resided and of the ochre were of great interest and the value of having this committee for allowing the Legatus Group to engage with.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Remuneration

Refer item 1.7 – The Legatus Group CEO had distributed the report by Mayor Leon Stephens prior to the meeting but after the agenda had been distributed.

The Chair, with approval of two-thirds of the members present suspended the meeting procedures pursuant to Regulation 20(1) of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013, for a period of 10 minutes to facilitate informal discussion on the topic.

12.11pm Formal meeting proceedings suspended for 10 minutes

Motion: That the suspension of informal discussion cease and the meeting returns to normal operations.

Moved: Mayor Ben Browne Seconded: Mayor Bim Lange

CARRIED

12.21pm Formal meetings proceedings resumed.

Motion: That the Legatus Group does not provide a submission on the review of the 2022 Local Government Members Allowance.

Moved Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded; Mayor Bim Lange

CARRIED

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Legatus Group will be held on Friday 10 June 2022 and be hosted by the District Council of Mount Remarkable

9. CLOSE

The meeting was closed at 12:29pm