



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

16 December 2022

Kapunda Bowling Club 19 Montefiore St, Kapunda

Opening - The Legatus Group Chairperson Mayor Rodney Reid opened the meeting at: 10.30am

Host Council Mayor Bill O'Brien provided an acknowledgement of country and welcomed everyone to the Light Regional Council. He outlined a number of achievements that the Light Regional Council has undertaken and provided an overview of the Drover's Encounter which is being designed to be a multi-cultural authentic Australian tourism experienced centred around culinary, cultural and entertainment elements.

I ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

I.1 Attendance:

Members: Mayor Bim Lange OAM, Mayor Roslyn Talbot, Mayor Alan Aughey OAM, Mayor Ken Anderson, Mayor Bill Gebhardt, Mayor Bill O'Brien, Deputy Mayor Marcus Strudwicke, Mayor Stephen McCarthy, Mayor Sue Scarman, Mayor Kathie Bowman, Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM, Mayor Leon Stephens and Mayor Rodney Reid.

Others: Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock and Administration Officer Tracey Rains. Council CEOs Paul Simpson, Stephen Rufus, Andrew MacDonald, Eric Brown, Richard Dodson and Sam Johnson.

Apologies:

Members: Mayor Mark Wasley, Mayor Darren Braund and Mayor Leonie Kerley.

Others: MP's Hon Geoff Brock, Hon Tony Piccolo, Rowen Ramsay, Ashton Hurn and Penny Pratt. Council CEO's Peter Ward, Maree Wauchope, Andrew Cameron and Helen Macdonald and RDA CEOs Kelly-Anne Saffin and Anne Moroney and PIRSA Angela Ruddenklau.

I.2 Leave of Absence:

Adelaide Plains Council advised that Mayor Mark Wasley is on leave and as such Deputy Mayor Marcus Strudwicke is the Principal Member for this meeting.

I.3 Conflict of Interest

Nil

I.4 Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting held on 9 September 2022 had been distributed to members.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting held on 9 September 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien

CARRIED

1.5 Legatus Group Action List (Sept 2021 – December 2022) The Legatus Group CEO provided an update on resolutions of the Legatus Group requiring action for noting with the agenda.

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

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens

Seconded: Mayor Sue Scarman

CARRIED

1.6 Deferred/Adjourned Items

Nil

2. PRESENTATIONS / PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS

2.1 Dr John Brayley Chief Psychiatrist

Dr Brayley acknowledged that he was attending following the request by the Legatus Group for the Hon Chris Picton MP Minister for Health to meet and respond to the approach from the Legatus Group, Lifeline Country to Coast, MPs Hon Geoff Brock, Penny Pratt and Fraser Ellis. Dr Brayley outlined the Rural Mental Health Review – with the reference document being a report released by the State Coroner. His presentation included an acknowledgement of the value of models such as the Lifeline Connect. He outlined the role of Mayors and CEOs within the Suicide Prevention Act and the Local health Network will be meeting with Mayors and CEOs to discuss this matter.

3 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1 Committee Minutes

The Legatus Group CEO provided the following minutes from the Legatus Group Advisory committees with the agenda:

1. Audit & Risk Management Committee 8 December 2022
2. Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisor Committee 18 November 2022
3. Waste Management Advisory Committee 25 November 2022
4. Community Wastewater Management Schemes Advisory Committee 16 September 2022
5. Community Wastewater Management Schemes Advisory Committee 2 December 2022

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives and notes the committee minutes.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle

Seconded: Acting Mayor Marcus Strudwicke

CARRIED

4 REPORTS FOR DECISIONS

4.1 Business Plan Update

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda with a brief update on the 2022/2023 Legatus Group Business Plan.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the business plan and project updates and that the Legatus Group CEO extends an invitation to the relevant State Government Ministers to attend and open Regional Forums being staged by the Legatus Group.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens

Seconded: Mayor Sue Scarman

CARRIED

4.2 Auditors Balance Date Management Letter 2021/2022 Financial Report

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda including a letter from the Auditors.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes issues outlined in the letter from the auditors.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

Seconded: Mayor Kathie Bowman

CARRIED

4.3 Financial Report 2022/2023

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda including the Legatus Management Report for October 2022 and Legatus Profit & Loss Jobs Report for October 2022

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 the Legatus Group notes the contents of the Statutory Finance Reports for the period ending 31 October 2022.**
- 2. Notes that a report for the Budget Review 2 will be provided following the next meeting of the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Group.**
- 3. Authorises Stephen Rufus as a signatory for the Legatus Group Bank Accounts.**
- 4. Notes the CEOs credit card expenditure report for 1 September 2022 till 30 November 2022.**

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

Seconded: Mayor Ken Anderson

CARRIED

4.4 Legatus Group Committee Representatives

The Legatus Group CEO provided the report with the agenda, re the current committee vacancies.

At 11.57am the Legatus Group Chair with approval from the members suspended the operation of the meeting to discuss any members interest in the current vacancies for advisory committees. The suspension ended at 12.01pm.

Motion:

- 1. That Mayor Leon Stephens is appointed to the Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee for 2 years.**
- 2. That Mayor Leon Stephens is appointed to the Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee for 2 years.**

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

Seconded: Mayor Ruth Whittle

CARRIED

4.5 Legatus Group Strategic Plan

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report re the progress of the Legatus Group Strategic Plan.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report and encourages constituent councils to meet with the Legatus Group Chair and CEO to discuss the Legatus Group Strategic Plan prior to the March 2023 Legatus Group meeting.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange

Seconded: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

CARRIED

4.6 SA Coastal Council Alliance

The Legatus Group provided a report with correspondence from the SA Coastal Council Alliance (SACCA) seeking nominations for the 2023-25 SACCA Committee from the Legatus Group for one member and one proxy member.

Motion: That the Legatus Group nominates Mayor Darren Braund as member and Mayor Mark Wasley as proxy member to the South Australian Coastal Council Alliance.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Acting Mayor Marcus Strudwicke CARRIED

4.7 Legatus Group and Lions Club MoU re Waste

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report and approves the Legatus Group CEO to finalise a Memorandum of Understanding between the Legatus Group and Lions International District 201CI Australia to assist in progress recommendations from the Legatus Group Waste Resource and Recovery Strategy.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien Seconded: Mayor Bill Gebhardt CARRIED

4.8 Rating Equity Power Generators

The Legatus Group CEO provided an update on the progress of the advocacy associated with fair rates for councils with reference to electricity generators.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report and:

- 1. Encourages all member councils to continue to reaffirm the position of the Legatus Group and 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 with their local State Members of Parliament.**
- 2. That the Legatus Group request that the LGA encourages the SA Government to make this a matter of priority.**

Moved: Mayor Sue Scarman Seconded: Mayor Bill Gebhardt CARRIED

4.9 RDA CEOs

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on the resignations of Anne Moroney CEO RDA Barossa Light Gawler Adelaide Plains and Kelly-Anne Saffin CEO RDA Yorke Mid North.

Motion: That the Legatus Group extends its acknowledgement and appreciation to Anne Moroney and Kelly-Anne Saffin for their commitment to their Regions, Boards, Member Councils and Regional South Australia.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien CARRIED

5 MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

5.1 Motions of which Notice has been given

5.1.1 Appointments to LGA Board and SAROC and timing of the AGM

The Legatus Group CEO and Eric Brown CEO (The Flinders Ranges Council) provided a report for the Legatus Group to consider issues associated with the timing of the LGA AGM and process re appointment of President and SAROC and LGA Board members.

Motion: That the Legatus Group write to the LGA Board requesting:

- 1. That the timing of future LGA (OGM/AGM) meetings are set, taking into account the travel required by Regional Councils and that they preferably completed by 1pm.**
- 2. That the LGA Constitution be reviewed to more appropriately deal with procedural issues identified in the recent LGA President, LGA Board and SAROC member nominations and election process, specifically with respect to the conflict in timing with the general elections as described in this report.**
- 3. That the SAROC Terms of Reference be reviewed to consider the process and timing for receiving nominations from each Regional Grouping.**

Moved: Mayor Ken Anderson Seconded: Mayor Kathie Bowman

CARRIED

5.1.2 Backup Power for Telecommunication Towers

The Legatus Group CEO and Mayor Bill Gebhardt provided a report seeking support from the Legatus Group to advocate on the lack of backup power to telecommunications towers.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report and provides a letter in support of a minimum standard with respect to blackspot funded towers and the items identified in the report to strengthen the voice of the Zone Emergency Management Committees.

Moved: Mayor Bill Gebhardt Seconded: Mayor Alan Aughey

CARRIED

5.2 Motions without Notice

Motion: That the Legatus Group meetings are to be held in the months of February, May, August and November.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle

Seconded: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

CARRIED

5.3 Questions with Notice

Nil

5.4 Questions without Notice

Nil

6 MEMBERS COMMUNICATION

6.1 Legatus Group Chair

Mayor Rodney Reid reported on the meeting he had held with the Legatus Group CEO and Minister Picton plus local MPs and Lifeline Country to Coast. He advised that he had attended the Advisory Committees and he will distribute a report for distribution with the minutes.

6.2 SAROC

The Legatus Group SAROC Representatives Mayor Rodney Reid and Mayor Bill O'Brien advised there has yet to be a SAROC meeting.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Legatus Group CEO's leave and involvement with outside organisations

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on upcoming leave and involvement with other organisations.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien

Seconded: Mayor Ken Anderson

CARRIED

8 CLOSE

Meeting closed at: 12:35pm

Next meeting date to be held with a date to be set in February 2023 and to be host by Port Pirie Regional Council.

Signed



Mayor Rodney Reid
Chairman