



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

9 September 2022

Paxton Function Centre

1 Kingston St Burra SA 5417

Opening - The Legatus Group Chair Mayor Rodney Reid opened the meeting at: 10.57am

Host Council Mayor Peter Matthey welcomed everyone and provided the background on the development by council of the Paxton Cottages. He noted it is the best example of a heritage mining camp in Australia and that it was handed to the Burra Council in 1980. When the Regional Council of Goyder was formed, they focussed on the re-development and sought to run the Paxton Cottages as a business. Focus was to maintain the heritage and not be a burden to rate payers. They are currently working on the World Heritage Listing associated with the Cornish History and Copper Mining.

In Attendance

Members: Mayor Phillip Heaslip (Chair), Mayor Leonie Kerley, Mayor Peter Matthey OAM, Mayor Ben Browne, Mayor Kathie Bowman, Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM, Mayor Rodney Reid, Mayor Wayne Thomas, Mayor Bill O'Brien, Mayor Roslyn Talbot and Mayor Darren Braund.

Others: Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock. Councils CEOs Maree Wauchope, Russell Peate, Stephen Rufus, Andrew MacDonald and Acting CEO Richard Dodson. RDA YMN CEO Kelly-Anne Saffin, General Manager NY Landscape Board Tony Fox and Angela Ruddenklau (PIRSA).

1.1 Apologies

Members: Mayor Mark Wasley, Mayor Greg Flint, Mayor Leon Stephens and Mayor Bim Lange OAM.

Others: MPs Fraser Ellis, Penny Pratt, Ashton Hurn and Hon Geoff Brock. Council CEOs Andrew Cameron, Sam Johnson OAM, Brian Carr, David Stevenson, Martin McCarthy, Eric Brown and Peter Ackland and Acting CEO Peter Ward.

1.2 Leave of Absence Not applicable

1.3 Conflict of Interest Nil

1.4 Confirmation of previous minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Special Meeting held on 18 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mayor Phillip Heaslip

Seconded: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

CARRIED

1.5 Legatus Group Action List (July 2021 – August 2022)

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on the updates of the actions from previous minutes with the agenda.

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives and notes the report

Moved: Mayor Kathy Bowman

Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

1.6 Deferred/Adjourned Items Nil

2 PRESENTATIONS / PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS

2.1 Professor Ros Cameron Torrens University Australia – Refer item 4.5

Professor Cameron's presentation focused on the Attracting, Developing and Retaining Regional Local Government Workforce Report. This report was noted as being topical and of interest and several questions and comments were provided.

2.2 Kelly-Anne Saffin CEO RDA Yorke Mid North

Kelly-Anne provided a short video on the recent work and the team from RDA Yorke Mid North. She outlined having just returned from Canberra with a delegation from RDSA to meet with Minister and several Departments and further information will be distributed. Noted the 3 following items specifically:

- BBRF – not committed to and announcements re the program in budget on 25 Oct 2022
- Noted lower rate of participation in the SA Local Govt elections
- National housing initiatives and role of Local Govt

Meeting with head of Drought Future Fund and discussion on the Regional Drought Resilience Plan and noted the community fund and possible partnership re the Lifeline Connect Model.

2.3 Tony Fox General Manager Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

Tony outlined the appointment process for the Board and their Budget and Business Plan along with the work they are undertaking in communities. Noted they have and will remain having regional offices and are the only Landscape Board doing this whilst also acknowledging the challenges they face with workforce needs.

2.4 Lea Bacon Acting Executive Director Public Affairs LGA

Lea acknowledged on behalf of the LGA Mayor Peter Matthey's retirement and his contribution to the Local Govt sector. He acknowledged Mayor Heaslip for his time as Chair of the Legatus Group and congratulated Mayor Reid for his appointment to the position of Chair.

Lea outlined the advocacy being undertaken by SAROC on Housing, Medical Workforce and State Planning Commission. Plus, the work being undertaken in collaboration with ALGA on the Jobs and

Skills Summit and noted the timely report by the Legatus Group on this matter. Re BBRF – ALGA and LGASA are aware of the concerns and seeking to ensure there is comparable funding.

General discussions on the current process for election of the Legatus Group SAROC representatives and that this should be a matter for the Legatus Group board to decide as opposed to election process with voting from each member council. Lea advised he would note this for further consideration.

3 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The Chairs of the following Committees provided the minutes of their meeting for the information of the Legatus Group.

1. Audit & Risk Management Committee 25 August 2022
2. Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisor Committee 28 July 2022
3. Waste Management Advisory Committee 26 August 2022

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

Moved: Mayor Leonie Kerley

Seconded: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

CARRIED

4 REPORTS FOR DECISIONS

4.1 Business Plan Update

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

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the business plan and project updates.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

Seconded:

Mayor Darren Braund

CARRIED

Mayor Phillip Heaslip leaves the room 12.25pm

4.2 Financial Report

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report and attachments 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 the Legatus Group notes the contents of the Statutory Finance Reports for the period ending 31 July 2022.
2. Receives and adopts the revised 2022/2023 Budget Review 1 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 July 2022 till 31 August 2022.

Moved: Mayor Peter Matthey

Seconded: Mayor Kathy Bowman

CARRIED

Mayor Phillip Heaslip returns 12.27pm

4.3 Strategic Plan

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

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group notes the report and specifically that:
 - a. the Legatus Group is unable to adopt the Legatus Group Strategic Plan as not all councils have approved.
 - b. the Legatus Group have recognised the need to give consideration to the long-term sustainability by continuing its practice of using reserve funds; and
 - c. the revised Charter requires the Legatus Group to prepare and implement a 4-year Strategic Management Plan and removes the need to prepare and submit to the Constituent Councils for their approval a Long-Term Financial Plan covering a period of at least ten years.
2. The Legatus Group requests the Legatus Group CEO develop a report with input from the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee on options associated with the financial viability of the Legatus Group and that a workshop is held following the November 2022 Local Government Elections before providing recommendations to member councils for further consideration.
3. That the Legatus Group notes the request from the District Council of Mount Remarkable for a quarterly report to their Council and advises that the current level of reporting to Constituent Councils is sufficient although they may wish to have this matter raised as part of a review of the charter.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle

Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien

CARRIED

4.4 Special Local Roads Program Funding

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

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group receives the report and authorises the Legatus Group CEO to write to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel and Legatus Group member councils advising that there should be no alternative process used within the Legatus Group region other than the agreed methodology outlined in the Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan for assessing applications for the Special Local Roads Program.
2. That an invitation is sent to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel to present to the Legatus Group Councils the 2023 process for SLRP.
3. That the Legatus Group seeks advise from the Yorke Peninsula Council re any advocacy it may require with regards decisions by Local Government Transport Advisory Panel on the outcome of the North Coast Road Special Local Roads Program application.
4. That the Legatus Group and the Road Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee take into consideration the matters raised by the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel in their response to the assessment processes used by the Legatus Group with regards Special Local Roads Program applications.

Moved: Mayor Leonie Kerley

Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas

CARRIED

4.5 Workforce

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report and attachments with the agenda and it was noted that Professor Cameron had presented earlier in the meeting and the Legatus Group Chair invited discussion.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group receives the report and approves:
 - the release of the Attracting, Developing and Retaining Regional Local Government Workforce Report on the Legatus Group website; and
 - invites feedback from Member Councils, Regional Local Government Associations and the SA Local Government Association Secretariat on the recommendations.
2. That the Legatus Group thanks Torrens University Australia for their work on this report and notes that a letter of support has been provided for the Local Government Research and Development Grant for their Career Pathways & Workforce Toolkit for Regional SA Councils application.

Moved: Mayor Peter Matthey

Seconded: Mayor Phillip Heaslip

CARRIED

4.6 Wellbeing – Mental Health

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

Motion:

That the Legatus Group receives the report and:

- 1) Approves the release of the July 2022 Update Report - Wellbeing Gap Analysis Legatus Group Northern Councils on the Legatus Group website.
- 2) The Legatus Group Chair invites the Minister for Health to attend the next Legatus Group meeting to outline the Governments approach in supporting the proposed Lifeline Community Connect Model or other centralised models for the delivery of mental health in the region.
- 3) That the Legatus Group provide a report to SAROC seeking their support in advocating to the Minister for Health for increased support to Regional SA regarding mental health services.

Moved: Mayor Wayne Thomas

Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien

CARRIED

4.7 Community Wastewater Management

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

Motion:

- 1) That the Legatus Group notes the report including the contract extension of Dr Paul Chapman as Project Manager.

- 2) Appoints Grant Smith, Hayden Battle, Gary Easthope and Nathan Berry as members of the Legatus Group Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee for 2 years to join Mayor Wayne Thomas.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Peter Matthey CARRIED

4.8 Waste Management

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

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO develops a report and recommendation in consultation with the Legatus Group Waste Management Advisory Committee for consideration by the Legatus Group on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Gilbert Valley Lions Club and other Community Waste Management Groups.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle Seconded: Mayor Kathy Bowman CARRIED

4.9 Regional Plans

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

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report and supports the Legatus Group CEO to continue dialogue with Planning and Land Use Services at the Department for Trade and Investment on the development of the Yorke and Mid North Regional Plan and that he provides a report for the next Legatus Group meeting for their consideration on further involvement.

Moved: Mayor Darren Braund Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas CARRIED

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

5.1 Motions of which Notice has been given: Nil

5.2 Motions without Notice

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

5.3 Questions with Notice: Nil

5.4 Questions without Notice

The Chair to ask the Members if there are any questions without notice. Nil

MEMBERS COMMUNICATION

ITEM NUMBER: 6

6.1 Legatus Group Chair - Nil

6.2 The Legatus Group SAROC Representative Mayor Peter Matthey and Mayor Bill O'Brien – The LGA update sufficiently covered the work by SAROC. The visit to Northern Areas Council by SAROC was of great value and thanked the council for their hospitality. Noted upcoming LGA President nominations and elections. Plus, the next SAROC meeting will be hosted by Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bill O'Brien noted the retirement of Brian Carr as CEO of the Light Regional Council and his support for the local government sector.

The meeting congratulated Mayors Talbot, Braund, Reid and Stephens for being re-elected.

8. CLOSE – Next meeting 16 December 2022 to be hosted by Light Regional Council.

Meeting Closed at: 12.49pm

Signed



Mayor Rodney Reid
Chairman