



Minutes of the Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting

17 August 2018

Sir Hubert Wilkins Building OD5 Road Jamestown

I Meeting Preliminaries

Present

Board members: Mayor Peter Matthey – Chairman (Goyder), Mayor Bob Sloane (Barossa) Mayor Cynthia Axford (Barunga West), Mayor Allan Aughey OAM (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mayor Peter Slattery (Flinders Ranges), Cr Peter Kennelly (Light), Mayor Colin Nottle (Mount Remarkable), Mayor Denis Clark (Northern Areas), Chairman Kathie Bowman (Orroroo Carrieton), Mayor John Rohde (Port Pirie), Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield) and Mayor Ray Agnew OAM (Yorke Peninsula)

In Attendance

Mr Andrew Cole (CEO Barunga West), Dr Helen Macdonald, (CEO Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mr David Stevenson (CEO Goyder), Mr Wayne Hart (CEO Mount Remarkable), Mr Colin Byles (CEO Northern Areas), Mr Kristin Clark (CEO Orroroo Carrieton), Mr Jason Kuchel (CEO Wakefield), Mr Peter McGuinness (CEO Peterborough), Cr Bim Lange (Barossa), Cr Frank Harbottle (Peterborough) Ms Lyn Wallace (RDA Yorke Mid North), Mr Eric Sommerville (Northern and Yorke NRM) Mr James Miller (CEO Adelaide Plains), Mr Matt Pinnegar (CEO LGA) and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group).

Apologies

Mayor Paul Thomas AM (Copper Coast), Mayor Tony Flaherty (Adelaide Plains) and Mayor Ruth Whittle (Peterborough). Council CEO's Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Mr Brian Carr (Light), Mr Peter Harder (Copper Coast), Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), Mr Colin Davies (Flinders Ranges) and Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula). RDA CEO's Ms Claire Wiseman, Ms Anne Moroney, Mr Dylan Strong and NY NRM CEO Mr Trevor Naismith.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.52am

2 Welcome to Northern Areas Council

Mayor Denis Clark outlined the community survey and community forums the Northern Areas Council has undertaken which has resulted in great feedback. This informal process has seen the council place an emphasis on footpath and street lighting projects. The windfarms have now been in the region for 13 years and have provided positive results for local business through the ongoing maintenance of the turbines. There is a \$120,000 community fund which is assisting the community. The development of road maintenance agreements for the life of the turbines has been important. Council have been working with Port Pirie on health programs.

3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 25 May 2018 at the Kapunda Bowling Club were tabled.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on the 25 May 2018 at the Kapunda Bolwing Club 19 Montefiore Street Kapunda be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Cynthia Axford Seconded: Mayor Peter Slattery

CARRIED

4 Presentations

4.1 Mr Eric Sommerville Chair Northern and Yorke NRM

Eric provided an update on the Landscape Act and encouraged all councils to be actively involved in the consultation. The NRM's business plan is still in limbo and the Minister has gazetted a 5% increase in the levy. The NRM's budget for 2018/2019 is \$4m with a focus on core services and a 40% allocation to pest weeds and animal control. Work around coastal management and the allocation of funds to Climate Change are key examples of how the Alliance with Legatus is working. Noted that there are no board members north of Jamestown and their workforce is 29FTE. NLP2 funding has been secured including a reduction in core funding and 2 projects funded: (1) Living Flinders and (2) Rewilding Yorke Peninsula. Work is occurring on some high-quality weather stations to assist farmers.

4.2 Mr Ian Nightingale Industry Advocate

Ian outlined the support being sought from Local Government to work with the South Australian Government to adopt the South Australian Government's Industry Participation Policy and Guidelines. This includes assessing the local economic development for the area through the procurement processes by councils, whilst ensuring fair competition in the market place. Ian provided examples from other local governments and the wider policy objectives using economic benefit measures and agreement on industry participation weighting.

To be agenda item for discussion at the next Legatus Group meeting.

4.3 Ms Lynn Wallace Economic Development Officer RDA Yorke Mid North

Lynn outlined current projects being undertaken by the RDA Yorke Mid North which included: (1) Workforce and the One Stop Employment project, (2) Disability Workforce Hub, (3) Unpaid Careers Recognition project, (4) Industry Leaders Groups, (5) Emerging leaders program, (6) Regional Road Map, (7) Infrastructure Audit, (8) Employment and Training, (9) Business to Business program, (10) Industry Survey and Mainstreet Conference. The RDAYMN AGM will be held on 10 October 2018.

5 Business arising no otherwise on the agenda

5.1 Interest rates comparison between metropolitan and regional SA. Mayor Peter Matthey advised before he would take this matter to SAROC he was seeking greater clarity on the issue and feedback from the Legatus Group board and constituent councils. General discussion included that this was not only impacting on housing but also business with examples provided. Legatus Group CEO to contact councils, RDAs and the LGA to gain responses.

5.2 Community Wellbeing Trials

Legatus Group CEO provided update that the expressions of interest have been called for and seeking responses from constituent councils and regional health organisations.

6 Chairman's Report

Chairman Mayor Peter Matthey advised that he had attended all the required SAROC and LGA meetings on behalf of Legatus Group. He thanked all Legatus Group councils for responding on rate capping to the LGA. He noted that 56 councils including all Legatus Group councils had rejected the State Governments approach to rate capping with 3 councils supporting and 9 not responding. He outlined that local government in South Australia has been nonpartisan and concerns that the current approach by the Minister on the rate capping issues could bring part politics into local government and this would be of great concern.

7 Items referred by Councils

Nil

12.35pm

The meeting then broke for lunch and Ms Lyn Wallace (RDA Yorke Mid North), Mr Eric Sommerville (Northern and Yorke NRM) and Mr Ian Nightingale departed the meeting.

12.55pm

The meeting resumed.

8 Decision Reports

8.1 Rubble Royalties

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO's report be noted.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark

CARRIED

8.2 Emergency Management Plans

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO's report be noted.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark

CARRIED

8.3 Community Wastewater Management Schemes

1. Motion: That the Legatus Group approves the appointments of Chris Parish (Wakefield), Gary Easthope (Clare & Gilbert Valleys) and Lee Wallis (Goyder) to the Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

2. Motion: That the Legatus Group approves the appointments of CEO's Andrew Cole (Barunga West) and Wayne Hart (Mount Remarkable) to the Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee.

Moved: Mayor Cynthia Axford Seconded: Mayor Bob Sloane

CARRIED

8.4 Climate Change

Motion: That the Legatus Group approves the Legatus Group CEO to progress securing PhD interns through the APR Intern program to undertake research associated with the 3-year plan.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark **CARRIED**

8.5 Yorke Mid North Regional Alliance

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO's report be noted.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark **CARRIED**

8.6 Emerging Leaders Program

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO's report be noted.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark **CARRIED**

8.7 Rating Equity (Major Projects)

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO's report be noted.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark **CARRIED**

8.8 Socio-economic impacts from the NDIS

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO's report be noted.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark **CARRIED**

8.9 LGA R&D Grant Applications

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO's report be noted.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark **CARRIED**

8.10 Landscape SA Act

The Legatus Group CEO's report on this matter was tabled with the agenda. Mr Eric Sommerville had outlined this in this presentation. The LGA Topical report provided further information. Consensus from the meeting was that more information was required from constituent councils and that the Legatus Group CEO would collate their information and develop a submission from the Legatus Group in consultation with the Chair. Key topics discussed at the meeting that should be included were: (1) levy collection by councils and (2) cost shifting onto councils.

8.11 Murray Darling Association

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO's report be noted.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark **CARRIED**

9 Legatus Group Regional Management Group

Northern Areas CEO Colin Byles as Chair tabled his report which were the notes from the Legatus Group Regional Management Group meeting Friday 3 August 2018.

Motion: That Colin Byles report be noted.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark **CARRIED**

1.30pm Mayor Ray Agnew left the meeting.

10 Legatus Road and Transport Advisory Group

Flinders Ranges CEO Colin Davies as Chair tabled his report which were the minutes of the meeting Thursday 2 August 2018.

Motion: That the Legatus Group supports the Legatus CEO to commence scoping for the development of a detailed report in partnership with industry and user groups on the socio-economic impacts of further deterioration of Horrocks Highway.

Moved: Mayor Allan Aughey Seconded: Mayor John Rohde **CARRIED**

11 Audit and Risk Committee

The Legatus Group CEO on behalf of Mayor Ray Agnew tabled his report which were the minutes of the meeting Friday 3 August 2018.

Motion: That Mayor Agnew's report be noted.

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark Seconded: Mayor Cynthia Axford **CARRIED**

12 Financials

The Legatus Group CEO tabled a report and spoke to the 2018/2019 budget variances which were discussed in the audit and risk committee minutes.

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO's report be noted.

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark Seconded: Chairman Kathie Bowman **CARRIED**

13 Local Government and SAROC

13.1 LGA Constitution and funding of Regional LGAs.

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report including the notes from the two Legatus Group workshops and Matt Pinnegar the LGA CEO provided an update and answered questions on the draft auxiliary documents to the constitution.

Motion: That the Legatus Group meeting of the 14 December 2018 includes a workshop to develop its longer-term approach and responses based on the key findings and LGA recommendations.

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark Seconded: Mayor Bob Sloane **CARRIED**

13.2 Local Government Association

The LGA August topical report were distributed with the agenda and Matt Pinnegar spoke to the report. He thanked the Legatus Group members for their responses to the LGA Circular on rate capping and that the reform agenda is a key focus. The meeting acknowledged Matt's attendance and agreed there was value in him attending more of the Legatus Group meetings.

13.3 South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils

The key outcome document of the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on 18 July 2018 had been distributed with the agenda.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 CEO's leave and disclosed outside interest.

2.15pm the Legatus Group CEO and other CEOs left the room and general discussion was held by the board on the report by Legatus Group CEO.

Consensus from the meeting was that the Chair discuss with the CEO that the 2 days attendance at the International Economic Development Conference be taken as annual leave days.

2.20pm Legatus Group CEO and other CEOs returned to the meeting.

14.2 World Heritage Listing Flinders Ranges

Mayor Peter Slattery provided information on the approach for World Heritage Listing for parts of the Flinders Ranges to recognise this site on a global scale, to celebrate the outstanding values and create economic benefits for the region.

15 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed by the Chair at 2.23pm and next meeting to be held Friday 14 December 2018 commencing at 10.30am and to be hosted by The Barossa Council.

Signed as a true and correct record:

Chairman _____ Dated _____