



Minutes of the Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting

15 February 2019

Peterborough Golf Club Park Street Peterborough

I Meeting Preliminaries

Present

Board members: Mayor Peter Matthey – Chairman (Goyder), Mayor Ruth Whittle (Peterborough), Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie), Mayor Wayne Thomas (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mayor Peter Slattery (Flinders Ranges), Mayor Bill O'Brien (Light), Mayor Denis Clark (Northern Areas), Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield), Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast), Mayor Leonie Kerley (Barunga West), Mayor Bim Lange (Barossa) and Mayor Phillip Heaslip (Mt Remarkable)

In Attendance

Mr Martin McCarthy (CEO Barossa), Mr Andrew Cole (CEO Barunga West), Mr John Coombe (A/CEO Copper Coast), Dr Helen Macdonald, (CEO Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mr David Stevenson (CEO Goyder), Mr Steven Griffiths (A/CEO Wakefield), Mr Darryl Whicker (A/CEO Flinders Ranges) Mr Wayne Hart (CEO Mt Remarkable), Mr Dylan Strong (CEO Orroroo/Carrieton), Mr Peter McGuinness (CEO Peterborough), Mr Steve Nolis (LGA Executive Director), Ms Kay Matthias (Director NRM), MP Geoff Brock, Ms Kelly-Anne Saffin (CEO RDA YMN) and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group).

Apologies

Chairman Kathie Bowman (Orroroo/Carrieton), Mayor Darren Braund (Yorke Peninsula) and Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains). Council CEO's Mr Brian Carr (Light), Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), Mr Colin Davies (Flinders Ranges), Mr James Miller (Adelaide Plains), Mr Colin Byles (Northern Areas), Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula) and Mr Eric Sommerville (Chair NRM)

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.35am and welcomed State Member of Parliament for the seat of Stuart and Minister for Energy and Mining Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP and State Member of Parliament for the seat of Frome Geoff Brock MP.

I.1 Welcome and invite to present

Chair Mayor Peter Matthey invited Minister van Holst Pellekaan to speak to the meeting and take questions.

Key topics discussed:

- Drought – Minister is aware of the issues raised by Legatus Group re the equity for the 3-member councils not funded and he has discussed this with Minister Tim Whetstone.

Discussions have also been held on the drought including water saving measures for infrastructure funding as support for further droughts. He encouraged the Legatus Group to continue to lobby re equity in funding for those councils who were not funded.

- Rating Equity Major Projects – is aware this is being discussed and open to continued discussions noting that social and economic costs to councils need to be considered.
- Interconnector – SA & NSW is being progressed which will add value to the current SA and Vic interconnector. The Govt is supportive of the ability to trade with other states. Noting that NSW and SA have different weather patterns whilst Vic is similar to SA. Final report from ElectraNet has been received and the \$1.52 Billion investment is projected to provide a \$66 per year net benefit to households in SA. The SA Govt is investing \$14m into early works for the interconnector project which will be useful irrespective of the project getting the green light.
- Horrocks Highway - is being discussed in cabinet and Minister Knoll has this on his agenda.
- Royalties Funding – majority of the projects will be through Infrastructure SA and targeting big projects and advice is being provided to State Govt which will then be made public.
- Barrier Highway – was discussed and Minister noted that some funding for shoulder work is occurring but that there is a need for upgrades.
- Port at Port Augusta upgrades – was discussed and recognised that if successful would provide big opportunities for the region.

The Minister was thanked for his attendance and his apology was noted as he had to leave the meeting.

2 Welcome to District Council of Peterborough

Mayor Ruth Whittle welcomed everyone to Peterborough which is one of South Australia's smallest councils and acknowledged MP Geoff Brock and the assistance he has provided to the council during his time as Member of Parliament. Mayor Whittle outlined that they are sharing some resources with Orroroo/Carrieton, Mt Remarkable and Flinders Ranges Councils. Mayor Whittle provided a detailed list of the past 4 years of achievements which included:

- Underground power and removal of stobie poles.
- Main street redevelopment to support businesses.
- Tourism – RV Park, dump point, safe parking, Visitor Information Centre yellow i status, Peterborough Museum, virtual reality train journey, free wifi and setting up business association.
- Community assets – skate park and youth club.
- New Community Waste Water Management Scheme and 9 holes of the golf club will benefit from this development.

Mayor Whittle outlined that many of these were made possible through grants and from contributions by council and supported through the Community Development Officer. Mayor Whittle acknowledged RDA Yorke Mid North and Councils CEO Peter McGuinness for their leadership. She noted that Peterborough is struggling due to the drought and thanked everyone for their support.

Future development outlined included River Murray water soon coming to Peterborough and that they are exploring social media opportunities for the town.

3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 14 December 2018 at Nuriootpa.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on the 14 December 2018 at The Barossa Council Chambers 43-51 Tanunda Road Nuriootpa be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Denis Clarke

CARRIED

4 Presentations

4.1 Brand SA

CEO Karen Raffin provided the meeting with background on Brand SA and invited communities to consider stories that could be featured in their Regional Showcase program and Agriculture Town of the Year. Brand SA provides support via journalist working with the community to write the stories to support the voice of regions. This year's event will be in Mount Gambier on 15 October and they hope to hold the 2020 event within the Legatus Group region.

Chairman Matthey thanked Karen and Brand SA for sponsoring the meetings lunch.

4.2 Flinders Ranges World Heritage Nomination

Apology received from Jodie Gregg-Smith and Jason Irving and to be agenda item for next meeting.

4.3 CEO Kelly-Anne Saffin RDA Yorke and Mid North provided a written report which was distributed at the meeting and will be to all Mayors and CEO's in an email following the meeting. Key points discussed were:

- Nomination for the RDA YMN Board and been finalised and waiting on announcements and noted that the local government representation is: Mayor Denis Clark (Northern Areas), Cr Malcolm May (Wakefield) and CEO's Helen Macdonald (Clare & Gilbert Valleys) and Peter Ackland (Port Pirie).
- The Peterborough community development has been a successful example of bringing economic and community development together.
- Expanded on the written notes re designated area migration agreements and looking at these opportunities for regional SA likely to be in agriculture and food and looking at role of local government in settlement services.
- Regional employment trials applications will occur in the next month and this has been discussed with some council CEOs.
- Assistance offered to the drought funding via project management.

5 Business arising no otherwise on the agenda

5.1 Drought response

Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included the response from the Prime Minister to Chair's letter from Legatus Group December 2018. Mayors Slattery, Stephens and Whittle outlined their concerns regarding the equity issues on the assessment to their councils not be considered for funding and the need for policy change at a national level. Geoff Brock MP advised he was also following the issues raised by the councils. Kay Matthias advised of grants for farmers through infrastructure water grants.

Motion: That the Legatus Group Chair writes to the Prime Minister with a copy to the South Australian Minister for Primary Industries expressing disappointment on responses to the issues of equity and timelines and recommends the need for policy changes to the assessment criteria.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas

CARRIED

5.2 Horrocks Highway

Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and noted that there had not been a response from Minister Knoll to the Chair's letter sent in December 2018. General discussion held on the need for this matter to progress and to gain a response. Geoff Brock MP advised that he had written to Minister re an audit to be undertaken.

Motion: That the issue of Horrocks Highway be raised at the Premiers forum and the Chair to consider inviting Minister Knoll to present at the next Legatus Group meeting.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange Seconded: Mayor Ruth Whittle

CARRIED

6 Chairman's Report

Chair Mayor Peter Mattey advised that he had attended all the required SAROC and LGA meetings on behalf of Legatus Group. He advised that the structure around the LGA Board is being finalised and outlined roles for SAROC and GAROC. He noted this will provide a greater voice for SAROC. There are still questions on financing of both SAROC and GAROC to be considered.

7 Items referred by Councils

7.1 Audit Committee Exemption – The Barossa Council

Motion: That the Legatus Group supports an application to the Minister for an exemption from the requirement in clause 30 of Schedule 2 of the Act to establish an audit committee subject to receiving a resolution from all constituent councils supporting this application.

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

CARRIED

7.2 Little Corellas – Flinders Ranges Council

Motion:

- 1) That the Legatus Group write to the Premier, Minister Spiers and all local Members of Parliament in the Legatus Group region requesting the State Government acknowledge the position that Little Corellas are and have been, a state-wide issue requiring a state-wide approach, and that the State take immediate action regarding the management of the Little Corellas.
- 2) That the Legatus Group Chair issues a media release outlining the concerns of the Legatus Group regarding the Little Corella issues facing its constituent councils.
- 3) That the Legatus Group establishes a working group to monitor and review regional and or subregional implementation plan/s for the effective management of little corellas.

Moved: Mayor Peter Slattery Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

CARRIED

8 2018/2019 Business Plan

8.1 Project updates the Legatus Group CEO's report was provided with the agenda and the Chair invited questions.

Motion:

- 1) The Legatus Group notes the progress of the 2018/2019 projects.
- 2) That the Legatus Group supports the Legatus Group managing the Yorke and Northern Coastal Management Action Plan if successful with the expression of interest.

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas

CARRIED

9 Audit and Risk Management Committee

Chairman Kathie Bowman provided a report with the agenda which contained the minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting 30 January 2019.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group notes the audit committee's motions regarding:
 - The appointment of Ian McDonald to the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee subject to the committee continuing.
 - Noting of the budget update and the report on the expression of interest for the delivery of a Northern & Yorke Coastal Management Action Plan.
 - Their support to the proposed motion by Mayor Lange as outlined in the letter from the Barossa Council for the exemption by the Minister of the Legatus Group having an audit committee if the board is satisfied it has adequate controls and oversights in its structure.
2. That the Legatus Group appoint Dean Newberry & Partners as their independent auditors for the 2018/2019 financial year.

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark Seconded: Mayor Bim Lange

CARRIED

10 Financial Report

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda containing the: (1) Profit and Loss (2) Balance Sheet (3) Movements in Equity (4) Statement of Cash Flow and (5) Budget Variance for the period 1 July 2018 till 3 January 2019.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group notes the budget update and the Legatus Group CEO's reimbursement for January 2019.
2. That Legatus Group supports if the expression of interest is successful the delivery of a Northern & Yorke Coastal Management Action Plan submitted by the Legatus Group CEO.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

CARRIED

11 Legatus Group Regional Management Group

Northern Areas Council CEO Colin Byles provided a report with the agenda which contained the minutes of the Legatus Group Regional Management Group meeting held 1 February 2019.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report and appoints Dr Helen Macdonald and Wayne Hart to the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

12 Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock provided a report with the agenda which contained the minutes of the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee held 5 February 2019.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group endorses the Legatus 2030 Regional Transport Plan Road Deficiency Action Plan 1 and Compliant Roads report.
2. That the Legatus Group notes:
 - a. That the Legatus Group CEO calls for up to 3 roads from each council from the Legatus 2030 Regional Transport Plan Road Deficiency Action Plan 1 to be nominated using an abridged format than would be used for full application to HDS for prioritising prior to 7 March 2019.
 - b. That HDS use the LGTAP formula for their ranking of priority as stage 1 of the process and that the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee will consider as stage 2 any other methodology for ranking at their next meeting.

Moved: Mayor Bim Lange

Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark

CARRIED

13 Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and updated the meeting on the signing of agreement for PhD Intern and employment of Project Officer. The meeting noted the report.

14 LGA and SAROC

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which contained the LGA topical report and update on the recent SAROC workshops and meetings. Steve Holis from the LGA updated the meeting on the LED replacement project which is using redundant stock into regional councils and councils could consider gaining greater clarity and financial modelling on the value of this process. The meeting noted the report.

15 Other Business

15.1 Murray Darling Association

Mayor Denis Clark provided a report and an update that he attended a strategic planning session with a focus on membership including for Region 8. He will liaise with the Legatus Group CEO for a meeting with member councils. The meeting noted the report.

15.2 LGA and SAROC Regional SA meetings 2019

The meeting noted the Legatus Group CEO's report.

15.3 Legatus Group CEO's annual leave and disclosed outside interest.

The meeting noted the Legatus Group CEO's report.

16 Close of Meeting

The dates for the remaining 2019 Legatus Group meetings are: Friday 31 May – Wakefield Regional Council, Friday 30 August – Port Pirie Regional Council and Friday 29 November – Barunga West Council.

Meeting closed by the Chair at 12.47pm

Signed as a true and correct record by:

Chairman Mayor Peter Matthey

Date