



## **Minutes of the Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting**

**29 November 2019**

**Port Broughton Bowling Club 18 Edmund Street Port Broughton**

### **I Meeting Preliminaries**

#### **Present**

Board members: Mayor Peter Matthey OAM – Chairman (Goyder), Mayor Leonie Kerley (Barunga West), Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast), Mayor Wayne Thomas (Clare and Gilbert Valleys 10.42am), Mayor Bill O'Brien (Light), Mayor Phillip Heaslip (Mount Remarkable), Mayor Peter Slattery (Flinders Ranges), Mayor Denis Clark (Northern Areas), Mayor Kathie Bowman (Orroroo Carrieton), Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield), Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie 10.40am) and Acting Mayor Marcus Strudwicke (Adelaide Plains).

#### **In Attendance**

Crs. Brian Lockyer and Margaret McDonald (Barunga West Council). Council CEO's Mr Andrew Cole (Barunga West), Dr Helen Macdonald, (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mr Russell Peate (Copper Coast), Mr David Stevenson (Goyder), Mr Colin Byles (Northern Areas), Mr Dylan Strong (Orroroo Carrieton), Mr Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield), Ms Sheree Schenk (Acting CEO Adelaide Plains) and Ms Jessie White (Acting CEO Mount Remarkable). Others Ms Kelly- Anne Saffin (CEO RDA YMN), Mr Tony Fox (Northern and Yorke NRM), Ms Angela Ruddenklau (PIRSA) and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group).

#### **Apologies**

Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains), Mayor Darren Braund (Yorke Peninsula), Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM (Peterborough) and Mayor Bim Lange (The Barossa). Council CEO's Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Sean Cheriton Acting CEO (Flinders Ranges) Mr Brian Carr (Light), Mr Peter McGuinness (Peterborough), Mr Wayne Hart (Mount Remarkable), Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie) and Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula). MP's Minister's Hon Stephan Knoll Member for Schubert and Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan Member for Stuart, Mr Fraser Ellis Member for Narrunga, Hon Geoff Brock member for Frome, Hon Tony Piccolo Member for Light and Mr John Gee Member for Taylor. RDA CEOs Ms Claire Wiseman and Ms Anne Moroney.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.35am.

The meeting was advised that the Legatus Group CEO had received written correspondence from the Adelaide Plains Council to advise that Mayor Mark Wasley is on leave from the Council and Cr Marcus Strudwicke is Acting Mayor.

Motion: That Cr Marcus Strudwicke is the current principal member of the Adelaide Plains Council for the Legatus Group meeting on 29 November 2019.

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien

**CARRIED**

## **2 Welcome to Barunga West Council**

Mayor Leonie Kerley welcomed everyone to the Port Broughton Bowling Club and on behalf of the Barunga West Council acknowledged the past 5 years of developments at the Bowling Club and its connection to the expanding Barunga Village which was directly opposite. Mayor Kerley provided a presentation on significant achievements by the council in the past year including the projects through the drought assistance funding including:

- Seawall
- Electrical upgrades to the Carvana Park
- Resilience program of events

## **3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 30 August 2019 at Port Pirie Sports Precinct,

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on the 30 August 2019 at the Port Pirie Sports Precinct be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Leonie Kerley Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark

**CARRIED**

## **4 Presentations**

### **4.1 Northern and Yorke NRM – Tony Fox Regional NRM Manager**

Update provided on the Landscape Act which was passed in SA Parliament two weeks prior to the meeting. Noted that the boundary changes to the current NRM Board will be covered in the regulations which are yet to be finalised and it is anticipated the new changes will go to Cabinet in December 2019. This is likely to result in Barossa, Light, Gawler and Adelaide Plains becoming part of the Yorke Mid North region. The key implementation dates were provided.

### **4.2 Regional Development Australia (RDA) - CEO Kelly-Anne Saffin RDA Yorke and Mid North**

Update provided on recent RDAs visit to Canberra and it was noted that Legatus Group of Councils make up 10% of the drought affected Councils in Australia and that RDAYMN have available economic modelling which can be used by councils for progressing applications. There was good access to Ministers. Councils Infrastructure Plans need to be with RDAYMN by 13 December 2019. Round 6 of Blackspot Funding will have an updated model. RDA YMN are seeking to extend the regional employment trial for a further 2 years. Noted the challenges around the NDIS with a \$54m underspend in the region. RDA YMN is supporting Active Port Pirie, Mid North Pop-Up shop project and co-working spaces across the region with the first project in Port Pirie. Input into the Regional Development Strategy by State Govt. including a more prominent role for Regional Organisations.

## **5 Business arising not otherwise on the agenda**

### **5.1 Drought**

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and a report from The Barossa Council was also distributed.

Motion:

- I. That the Legatus Group confirms its support of the approach being undertaken by SAROC and that a meeting be arranged to consider the formation of a working group between the Yorke and Mid North Alliance and RDA Barossa, Light, Gawler, Adelaide Plains and RDA

Far North to discuss the identification and prioritising of regional strategic projects that are scoped and ready for activating when funding opportunities occur.

2. That the Legatus Group Chair writes to the Hon. David Littleproud MP Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management acknowledging the support from the Australian Government for the Drought Communities Programme. Whilst noting that there are still issues around equity as The Barossa Council is the only council of the 15 Legatus Group Councils who have not been declared eligible.
3. That the Legatus Group Chair writes to the Hon. David Littleproud MP Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management and the Future Drought Fund Consultative Committee outlining support for the Future Drought Fund and the role that Local Government can provide.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien      Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 Pit and Quarry Management

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the Legatus Group supports the approach recommended by the LGA Secretariat to hold off on the report to SAROC and that the Legatus Group canvasses constituent councils for a representative/s to be part of a working group and compiles information from the Legatus Group region on the the current number of borrow pits that are active, inactive but still is use/occupancy and inactive and due to be rehabilitated.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot      Seconded: Mayor Kathie Bowman

**CARRIED**

## 5.3 State Planning Reform

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda along with response from Copper Coast Council.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group write and highlight to the State Planning Commission inadequacies of the new Planning and Design Code including:
  - a) That the eight week consultation period for Phase two Councils has been insufficient to enable feedback on the new Planning and Design Code and its implementation (considering the significant policy changes in the Code compared to current Development plans).
  - b) Whilst Phase two Councils will endeavour to implement the new Planning and Design Code by 1 April 2020, the State Planning Commission be requested to formally advise Phase two Councils that an extension of the implementation of the new Planning and Design Code after 1 April 2020 can be granted until the 30 June 2020, if such Councils consider it necessary.
2. That a copy of the letter to the State Planning Commission be forwarded to the State Minister for Planning Stephan Knoll MP and all State Members of Parliament that cover the Legatus Group region.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot      Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

**CARRIED**

#### 5.4 Solid Waste Levy

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which was noted.

#### 5.5 Landscape Act

The Legatus Group CEO provided correspondence received from the Minister and the meeting had discussed this in detail at item 4.1.

### 6 Chairman's Report

Chair Mayor Peter Matthey advised that he had attended all the required SAROC and LGA meetings on behalf of Legatus Group. He noted that in reference to Local Government Reform the LGA and State Government agree on a large percentage of the reforms proposed and the wide ranging view by Councils provides a level of complexity in gaining a collective response. The long-running dispute over the cost of street lighting in South Australia has been resolved through the Australian Energy Regulator. There will be \$13.7m coming back to Councils following the work of LGA via the dispute mechanism taken under the National Electricity Law concerning the charges for street lighting services provided by South Australia Power Networks to councils. There will be a small levy but the majority of the funds will return to councils.

The drought has been a major issue for discussion and SAROC have yet to gain a meeting with the Minister and Mayor Matthey invited councils to call and discuss further if needed. This matter was further discussed at item 7.2.

### 7 Items referred by Councils

#### 7.1 Northern Areas Council – Pidgeon Control

Mayor Denis Clark spoke to the letter included with the agenda and discussion occurred.

Motion: That the Legatus Group supports the request from the Northern Areas Council that the NRM declares Pigeons be a pest species

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark      Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

**CARRIED**

#### 7.2 Alliance of Northern Councils – Drought affected community wellbeing sub-regional project

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda along with a report which had been prepared including a model for a community wellbeing project. Mayor Kathie Bowman spoke to the proposal and advised that a meeting had also been arranged with the Premier. Detailed discussions were undertaken and the meeting noted that there was an immediate need and reference was made to the previously acknowledged level of funds held in reserves and the current financial position of the Legatus Group.

Motion: That the Legatus Group supports in partnership with the Councils of Orroroo Carrieton, Peterborough, Flinders Ranges, Northern Areas, Mount Remarkable, Port Pirie and Goyder the community wellbeing project for up to \$100,000 per year for the term of the project with an annual report to be provided.

Moved: Mayor Kathie Bowman      Seconded: Acting Mayor Marcus Strudwicke

**CARRIED**

## **8 Business Plan**

### **8.1 2019/2020 Project updates.**

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

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group notes the progress of the projects.
2. That the Legatus Group approves the Legatus Group CEO to release the Sustainability Hub Phase 2 report by Jerome Ofori and confirm that the Legatus Group seeks to continue to partner with the Yorke Mid North Alliance and the Department of Environment and Water for the development of concept plans re a possible sustainability hub at 155 Main North Road Clare.
3. That the Legatus Group notes the report and delays in the timelines on the SA Regional Waste Strategy and supports a funding application to Green Industries SA for the development of the a Legatus Group Regional Waste Action Plan to be developed following the SA Regional Waste Strategy.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid      Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

**CARRIED**

## **9 Audit and Risk Management Committee**

Mayor Kathie Bowman provided a report with the agenda which contained the minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting 22 August 2019 and a revised budget for 2019/2020. The Legatus Group CEO advised that recommendations had not been proposed as he was waiting on any feedback or clarification sought by the committee members following the finance officer providing an updated version of the revised budget following the meeting. There had been no further feedback provided and as such recommendations listed at 3.1.i and 3.1.ii of the minutes were presented to the meeting.

Motion: That the Legatus Group seek approval from the Constituent Councils to amend the 2019/2020 budget.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens      Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark

**CARRIED**

The meeting noted that the committee's recommendation at item 3.1.ii of their minutes be held over due to the decision made at item 7.2 re the drought community wellbeing project.

## **10 Financial Report**

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda containing the: (1) the first quarter financial report, (2) Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss by Job and Profit and Loss Summary reports for period 1 July – 30 October 2019 and (3) Legatus Group CEO's credit card and reimbursement for August – October 2019.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group notes the quarterly report for the period July – September 2019 summarising the financial position and performance of the Legatus Group against the Budget.
2. That the Legatus Group notes the financial report for the period July – October 2019.
3. That the Legatus Group notes the Legatus Group CEO's credit card purchases.

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark      Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

**CARRIED**

## **11 Legatus Group Regional Management Group**

Mr Colin Byles Chair of the committee provided a report with the agenda which was noted.

## **12 Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee**

Dr Helen Macdonald the Chair of the committee provided a report with the agenda which contained the notes of the Legatus Group Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting held Friday 1 November 2019 at the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council Chambers.

Motion: That the Legatus Group approve the continuation of the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee and calls for nominations for:

- Maximum 6 x technical engineering or works delegates nominated from the member Councils
- 1 x delegate nominated from the Regional Development Australia Organisations
- 1 x delegate nominated from the Department for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure - Mid North Region

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid      Seconded: Acting Mayor Marcus Strudwicke      **CARRIED**

## **13 Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee**

CEO Andrew Cole Chair of the committee provided a report with the agenda which included the minutes of their meeting held on 4 November 2019 which was attended by Committee Members Andrew Cole, Adam Broadbent and Gary Easthope and CWMS Project Officer Paul Chapman and Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group call for nominations for the vacant positions on the committee.
2. That the Legatus Group seek approval to extend the Joint CWMS Services Arrangements by Legatus Group from the LGA CWMS Management Committee.
3. That the Legatus Group supports the further scoping of a proposal to work with ESCOSA to develop and promote a trial of Ethical Business Regulation for CWMS among Legatus Councils in 2020.
4. That the Legatus Group seek clarification from the Office Technical Regulator regarding access to the codes and any cost implications to Councils if the proposed draft Infrastructure Standard were adopted.

Moved: Mayor Phillip Heaslip      Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark      **CARRIED**

## **14 LGA and SAROC**

There were no representatives from the LGA Secretariat and the SAROC Key Outcomes Report was tabled.

## **15 Other Business**

### **15.1 Murray Darling Association**

Mayor Denis Clark provided a report that included the Annual Meeting for Region 8 will follow directly after the legatus Group meeting and that Cr Brian Lockyer (Barunga West) will take over as the Chair for Region 8.

### 15.2 Relocation of Legatus Group Office

The meeting noted the Legatus Group CEO's report.

### 15.3 Memorandums of Understanding with Universities

The meeting noted the Legatus Group CEO's report.

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

The meeting noted the Legatus Group CEO's report.

### 15.5 Note of thanks to Port Broughton Bowling Club

Mayor Leonie Kerley acknowledged the work of the Bowling Club in hosting the meeting and thanked all those who attended the meeting.

## **16 Close of Meeting**

The dates for the next meeting is Friday 28 February 2020 to be hosted by the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

Meeting closed by the Chair at 1.45pm

Signed as a true and correct record by:

Chairman Mayor Peter Matthey

Date