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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2005.**0505.01 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS:**

1:05pm The President declared the meeting open.

0505.02 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**PRESENT:**

Councillor A J Messina – President	(West Ward)
Councillor B I N Thomas – Deputy President	(East Ward)
Councillor G M Steele	(South Ward)
Councillor J L Freeman	(Central Ward)
Councillor M D Tierney	(Central Ward)
Councillor M Kerkmans	(East Ward)
Councillor L A Panting	(Central Ward)
Councillor L J Wainwright	(Central Ward)
Councillor N D Johnstone	(South Ward)

OFFICERS:

Mr G S Wilks - Chief Executive Officer
Ms N J Holmes – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES:

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

VISITORS

Mr Frank Langley – Teacher and Larissa Little and Helen Little - students of Mullewa District High School.

0505.03 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:

Nil

0505.04 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

The President opened the meeting for public questions. The following questions were received:

0505.05 MULLEWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING – SUGGESTIONS/REQUESTS ARISING FROM

Helen Little asked if Council were still considering installing a beach volley ball court near the Youth Centre.

Larissa Little asked if Council could install playground equipment between the Youth Centre and the Town Hall for older children ie flying fox, monkey bars and swings.

The Chief Executive Officer is to research funding available for this sort of equipment.

1:10pm the Chief Executive Officer escorted the visitors from the room.

0505.06 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

0505.07 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Moved: *M Kerkmans* **Seconded:** *B I N Thomas*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held 18 May 2005 be received.**

CARRIED 9/0

0505.08 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**0505.09 0405.13 – MEDICAL PRACTITIONER – SERVICES OF**

The Shire President advised that discussion on this item will be held as part of the information session to be held on 7 June 2005.

0505.10 0405.20 – PUBLIC ROAD ACCESS AGREEMENT – AMENDMENT TO

Mt Gibson Mining and Council are still negotiating amendment to the Public Road Access Agreement.

0505.11 0405.21 – CONCESSIONAL LOADING PERMIT TONNAGE – INCREASE OF

Item not resolved from discussion held with Mt Gibson Mining and MRWA

0505.12 0405.36 – SHIRE MAPS**Moved:** *M Kerkmans* **Seconded:** *L A Panting***COUNCIL DECISION:** That a legal opinion be obtained on the Privacy Laws regarding publishing details of individual landownership on Council maps.**CARRIED 9/0****0505.13** CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**Moved:** *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *N D Johnstone***COUNCIL DECISION:** That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 April 2005, as printed, be confirmed.**CARRIED 9/0****0505.14** RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**Moved:** *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *J L Freeman***COUNCIL DECISION:** That the Minutes of the Mullewa Community Trust held on 12 May 2005, as printed be received.**CARRIED 9/0****Moved:** *L A Panting* **Seconded:** *B I N Thomas***COUNCIL DECISION:** That the recommendations of the Mullewa Community Trust be adopted.**CARRIED 9/0****0505.15** HEALTH, BUILDING & TOWN PLANNING

2:12pm Cr L J Wainwright left the meeting.

0505.16 ANNUAL BUILDING INSPECTION – REPORT OF**Moved:** *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *J L Freeman***COUNCIL DECISION:** That following the annual inspection of Council buildings that:

- Minor works as identified be carried out as soon as possible,
- Major works, as quoted, be carried out upon adoption of the

2005/2006 Budget, and

- The residents at 13 Steele Street be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995.

CARRIED 8/0**0505.17 SUB-DIVISION APPLICATION – APPROVAL OF****Moved:** *L A Panting***Seconded:** *N D Johnstone*

COUNCIL DECISION: That the application by John Hugh Rowe and Stephen Matthew Rowe with respect to the proposed sub-division of Lot 2 Coalseam Road, Wongoondy into 2 parts of 438.53 hectares and 0.13 hectares be approved.

CARRIED 8/0**0505.18 WASTE WATER TREATMENT POND – ALTERATION TO****Moved:** *B I N Thomas***Seconded:** *M Kerkmans*

COUNCIL DECISION: That the Department of Environment be advised that the Mullewa Shire Council has concerns with respect to it's direction to close of the outlet flow to the Wooderarrung river and that it will seek to establish new lines:

- The extent of any outflow from the waste water treatment pond,
- The extent of any environmental damage caused by such outflow, and
- The ability to provide any other solutions to this problem.

CARRIED 8/0**0505.19 WORKS, PLANT PARKS & GARDENS****0505.20 WORKS SUPERVISOR REPORT****Moved:** *G M Steele***Seconded:** *J L Freeman*

COUNCIL DECISION: That the Works Supervisor's report, including the Parks and Gardens report, for the month of April 2005 be received.

CARRIED 8/0

0505.21 PLANT REPORT**Moved:** *G M Steele***Seconded:** *J L Freeman***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Plants Mechanic report be received.****CARRIED 8/0****0505.22** EXPLORATORY DRILLING ON ROAD RESERVES – APPROVAL OF**Moved:** *B I N Thomas***Seconded:** *N D Johnstone***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That Eneabba Gas Ltd be advised that approval to undertake exploratory drilling on certain road reserves within the Shire of Mullewa is not granted.****CARRIED 7/1****0505.23** AUSLINK ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM – IMPLIMENTATION OF**Moved:** *N D Johnstone***Seconded:** *B I N Thomas***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That consideration be given by the Council to the allocation of funds under the Auslink Roads to Recovery Program to strategic projects within the Shire over the next 4 years and that the information provided by the Federal Government with respect to the \$1.046m allocation over the next 4 years be noted.****CARRIED 8/0****0505.24** KEMBLA COMMUNITY ZOO – MAINTENANCE OF**Moved:** *B I N Thomas***Seconded:** *N D Johnstone***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That Mrs Reynolds be thanked for her correspondence and that a delegation of interested Councillors accompanied by senior staff meet with her onsite to discuss future development of part of the former Kembla Zoo site with a view to determining the extent if any of public access and any maintenance and management planning.****CARRIED 8/0****MEETING ADJOURNED FROM 3:00PM – 3:25PM**

0505.29 COUNCILLOR NAME BADGES – CHOICE OF

3:40pm Chief Executive Officer, left the meeting
3:41pm Chief Executive Officer, returned to the meeting
3:42pm Cr Johnstone left the meeting
3:44pm Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting.

Moved: *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *L A Panting*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the appropriate type of name badge for Council is a metal brooch, in gold finish, from which is suspended the Councillors or Staff members name and designation.**

CARRIED 8/0

0505.30 FREEMAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY – CONFERRING OF

Moved: *A J Messina* **Seconded:** *M Kerkmans*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That:**

- **In recognition of the high esteem and gratitude of the residence of the Mullewa Shire through his diligent service to local government as an elected member the Council of the Shire of Mullewa has pleasure in conferring upon Peter Timothy Freeman the title of Honorary Freeman, and**
- **The Chief Executive Officer is to undertake arrangements for the presentation of a certificate and suitable gift to Mr Freeman at a function to be held in 2005 of a standard and type to be determined by the Council.**

CARRIED 8/0

0505.31 MULLEWA EARLY YEARS GROUP – SUPPORT FOR

Moved: *J L Freeman* **Seconded:** *M D Tierney*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That this item be deferred until the next meeting.**

CARRIED 8/0

0505.32 MAY 2005 ELECTIONS – RETURNING OFFICER REPORT

Moved: *N D Johnstone* **Seconded:** *B I N Thomas*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the report of the Returning Officer with respect to the conduct of the 2005 Local Government Elections be received.**

CARRIED 8/0

0505.33 REGIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CONSIDERATION OF**Moved:** *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *L A Panting***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That this item be deferred until the next Council meeting.****CARRIED 8/0****0505.34 STATEWIDE FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM – SUPPORT FOR****Moved:** *J L Freeman* **Seconded:** *M Kerkmans***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Council provide a one year financial commitment of \$320 to the State Library of Western Australia to support Better Beginnings, a Statewide family literacy program.****4/4****Owing to an equality of votes the President exercised a casting vote, in accordance with section 5.21(3) of the Local Government Act 1995.****LOST 4/5****0505.35 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT****Moved:** *J L Freeman* **Seconded:** *N D Johnstone***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of April 2005 be received and the recommendations arising from that report be adopted.**

- **Forthcoming Meetings**
- **22 April 2005 – Regional Local Government Formation**
- **25 April 2005 – Anzac Day**
- **26 April 2005 – Nmvroc Ceo's Meeting**
- **27 April 2005 – Agricultural Development Partnership**
- **04 May 2005 – Regional Local Government Presentation**
- **07 May 2005 – Local Government Elections**
- **09 May 2005 – Interagency Meeting**
- **09 May 2005 – Youth Service Review**
- **11 May 2005 – New Councillor Induction**
- **12 May 2005 - Mt Gibson Mining**

CARRIED 8/0

4:20pm Cr BIN Thomas left the meeting.

0505.36 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

4:22pm Cr BIN Thomas returned to the meeting

Moved: *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *J L Freeman*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the accounts for payment, as presented be passed for payment.**

CARRIED 8/0

0505.37 GENERAL BUSINESS**0505.38** COUNCIL MEETINGS - RESTRUCTURE OF

Councillor Panting suggested that Council Meetings could commence at 10:30am for an 11:00am start. Lunch to be scheduled for 12:30pm. This would give some Councillors time to attend to business and family commitments.

It was resolved that this matter be discussed at the next Councillor information session.

0505.39 COMMUNITY SERVICE – AVAILABILITY TO COUNCIL

A question was asked if Council could derive any benefit from persons doing community hours under the supervision of the Department of Justice. The Chief Executive Officer will determine availability of persons under such a scheme

4:32pm Cr Johnstone left the meeting.

0505.40 HOMESWEST TENANTS – CONDITION OF PROPERTIES

A question was asked as to the responsibility of Homeswest tenants to their properties. It was noted that the condition of some properties and their fences detracts from the general appearance of the Mullewa townsite.

4:33pm Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting.

0505.41 NEGLECTED AND DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS – CONDITION OF

Moved: *L A Panting* **Seconded:** *M D Tierney*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Council's Manager Health/Building be directed to prepare a report on neglected and dilapidated buildings within the townsite on their condition and ownership.**

CARRIED 8/0**0505.42 RANGER SERVICES – VISITS OF**

Councillor Tierney enquired as to the schedule as to visits of Council's Ranger. The Chief Executive Officer provided information on the current arrangements with respect to Ranger services.

0505.43 VARIOUS

Councillor Thomas:

- Enquired as to the progress of funding for housing for a medical practitioner.
- Advised that Patience trucks entering the rail head were having to travel on the wrong side of the road prior to turning in.
- WA Country Health Services will be conducting 'Seniors Games' in Mullewa and were seeking a venue.

Moved: *B I N Thomas*

Seconded: *J L Freeman*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Mullewa Recreation Centre be made available for 1 hour per week and 1 day per month, free of charge to the Mullewa Health Service for the purpose of seniors activities.**

CARRIED 8/0**0505.44 CLOSURE OF MEETING:**

The President closed the meeting at 5:10pm.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on 15 June 2005:

Signed:

A J Messina, President

Date: 15 June 2005