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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2006.**0206.01 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS**

1:10pm The President declared the meeting open.

0206.02 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 J Wainwright	(Central Ward)
Councillor N D Johnstone	(South Ward)

OFFICERS:

Ms N J Holmes – A/Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES:

Councillor L A Panting (Central Ward)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

VISITORS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Teacher: Mia Clarke
Students: Dylan Gray, Mikeeli Watt

0206.03 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cricket practice nets: requested that the pitch and nets be repaired. The students were asked to conduct a survey to gauge the use of the cricket practice area.

Dogs: requested that the dogs around town be picked up by the ranger.

BMX Track: enquired as to the progress of the BMX track. The students were advised that a meeting was to be arranged by the school in the first instance to determine details of the track.

- Scramble Track: Advised that the scramble track needed repair. Council advised that this piece of land was not under their control.
- School Bus Route: requested that roads on the school bus route be repaired. Council advised that the Works Supervisor was currently repairing these roads after the recent rain.
- Parks: requested that play equipment be installed to cater for an older age group of children.

0206.04 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

COUNCIL DECISION: **Correction to Minute No. 1205.10**

Change the word 'habitual' to 'habitable'
Change the word 'precedence' to 'precedent'

CARRIED 8/0

1:25pm the visitors left the meeting.

0206.05 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

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

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the minutes of the Mullewa Community Trust meeting held 8 February 2006 be received and that the distribution of funds are listed, be endorsed, subject to the total of project No. 9 being corrected.**

CARRIED 8/0

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

COUNCIL DECISION: **That**

- **The report of the Mullewa Telecentre Tourism Committee be received, and**
- **Quotes to be obtained to replace air-conditioners in the computer room and meeting room for inclusion in the 2006/07 budget**

CARRIED 8/0

0206.06 HEALTH, BUILDING & TOWN PLANNING

1:45pm Trevor Brandy, Environmental Health Officer entered the meeting.

0206.07 SUBDIVISION – LOT 51 DEVILS CREEK ROAD

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

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Council in support of the subdivision Application No. 1030289 – Lot 51 Devils Creek Road, Devils Creek for a Homestead Lot request a condition be placed on the subdivision approval by the Western Australian Planning Commission requiring a caveat be placed on the certificate of title at the subdivider's expense restricting the sale of the Homestead Lot for a minimum of five (5) years.**

CARRIED 7/1

0206.08 DILAPIDATED HOUSES

Moved: *G M Steele* **Seconded:** *M Kerkmans*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That a letter and phone call be made to Councils Solicitors, Altorfer & Stowe, requesting progress be made on matters at hand.**

CARRIED 8/0

Mr Brandy was requested to investigate the following items:

- Damaged fences
- Shop windows
- Sewage stench from drainage system
- Water pooling in front of the Club Hotel

1:58pm Cr Freeman left the meeting.

2:00pm Cr Freeman returned to the meeting

2:10pm Trevor Brandy, EHO left the meeting

0206.09 SWIMMING POOL – USE OF

Moved: *M Kerkmans* **Seconded:** *J L Freeman*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Swimming Pool Manager and Mrs Justine Rowe co-ordinate swimming skills lessons utilising 3 lanes of the Mullewa Swimming pool on Tuesday afternoons between 3:30pm and 4:15pm for the duration of the current pool season providing that the following requirements are met and relevant documents are lodged prior to the event;**

1. All participants signing a permission/indemnity form,
2. a copy of the instructors Austswim certification,
3. the instructor to always comply with Austswim regulations regarding supervision (specifically the ration of instructors to participants)

CARRIED 8/0

0206.10	9 FRY STREET, CEO RESIDENCE – HOUSE MAINTENANCE
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Moved: *L J Wainwright*

Seconded: *J L Freeman*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That,**

- Due to the age and condition of the electric oven/microwave combination a suitable oven be obtained to replace the existing unit,
- The carpet be replaced throughout the entire residence, including laying over existing laminate flooring – to the value of \$6,000, and
- A 6x6m colourbond flat roofed shed with roller doors be constructed, as quoted by Outdoor World - \$8,641.20

CARRIED 7/1

0206.11	WORKS, PLANT, PARKS & GARDENS
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0206.12	WA's DEFAULT OPEN SPEED LIMIT – REVIEW OF
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Moved: *J L Freeman*

Seconded: *M Kerkmans*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Council opposes the reduction of the default limit from 110km/h to 100km/h**

CARRIED 8/0

0206.13	WORKS SUPERVISORS REPORT
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Moved: *N D Johnstone*

Seconded: *G M Steele*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That:**

- The location of site for the proposed depot shed, as inspected be approved. A price comparison on roller and sliding doors to be obtained, and
- The Works Supervisors report including the Parks and Gardens report and the Plant Mechanic report for the month of December

2005 and January 2006 be received.

CARRIED 8/0

MEETING ADJOURNED FROM 2:55PM – 3:20PM

0206.14 MEETING RECONVENED

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 J Wainwright	(Central Ward)
Councillor N D Johnstone	(South Ward)

OFFICERS:

Ms N J Holmes – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

INVITED GUESTS:

Superintendent Feeney
Inspector Murray
Sgt Keith Davies
Snr Constable Brigham Dennison
Christine Collard – Womens Indigenous Group
Shane Hill MLA

0206.15 PRESENTATION

Shane Hill MLA presented a cheque for \$12,320 to the Shire President for purpose of assisting with the development of the Shire of Mullewa's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.

0206.16 LAW & ORDER - MULLEWA

The Shire President welcomed the invited guests to the meeting and asked for a response to listed issues on law and order in Mullewa.

- Superintendent Feeney spoke of the role of the deployment panel, management initiated transfers and the task of getting Police officers out of the metropolitan area into country centres.
- Council was advised that an officer would be deployed to Mullewa for a 6 week period to assist current staff.

- Superintendent Feeney asked if the Shire would be willing to offer incentives to retain officers. Mr Hill advised that this would not be encouraged by the government and should not be seen as a local government responsibility. Sgt Davies commented that there were already enough incentives in place.
- A suggestion was made that to entice Police Officers to Mullewa their tenure could be reduced – this notion was not supported by Sgt Davies.
- The majority of incidents dealt with in Mullewa are related to domestic violence.
- Superintendent Feeney guaranteed that police numbers in Mullewa would not be reduced.
- Sgt Davies quoted incident figures from Dec 2003 to Jan 2006 and reported that they were reducing.
- Sgt Davies advised that due to budget constraints only serious incidents will be responded to. Inspector Murray advised that District Office has approved more funds to be given to the Mullewa Station for overtime.
- Superintendent Feeney to investigate task carried out by previous visits to Mullewa from response squad.
- Shane Hill advised that there were 2 know offenders that the community needed respite from. He also advised that there was a juvenile remand centre opening in Geraldton in the next 18 months. Family and Children's Services were currently in discussion with a person residing in Mullewa to carry out duties of a welfare officer. He stated that Mullewa should be a 'no tolerance' zone and that Mullewa does need help.
- Christine Collard suggested that a curfew should be enforced on all children and that MEEDAC should support the curfew. She advised that process had begun to obtain a 'safe house'.
- At 4:40pm Mr Shane Hill MLA left the meeting.
- Inspector Murray advised that there is a six week turnaround for officer transfers with 200 throughout the Midwest. He guaranteed that Geraldton would send a relieving officer to Mullewa to fill the gap should a transfer extend over six weeks.
- Cr Freeman commented on the condition of the courthouse and station surrounds. Superintendent Feeney agreed 125% pledging to send Sgt Davies funds to purchase plants to make the area more appealing.
- Christine Collard suggested that the holding cells required a revamp.
- Cr Tierney suggested that the magistrate could direct community hours towards beautifying the area.
- Superintendent Feeney advised that he would be happy to come back to Mullewa anytime and that he would be working closely with the indigenous community. He stated that parents needed to take responsibility and that agencies 'need to step up to the plate'.
- Sgt Davies thanked the Council for their support.

- 4:54pm Superintendent Feeney, Inspector Murray, Sgt Davies, Snr Constable Dennison and Christine Collard left the meeting.

0206.17 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE**0206.18 FINANCE REPORT 31 DECEMBER 2005**

Moved: *J L Freeman* **Seconded:** *L J Wainwright*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Finance Report for the period ended 31 December 2005 be received.**

CARRIED 8/0

0206.19 FINANCE REPORT 31 JANUARY 2006

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

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Finance Report for the period ended 31 January 2006 be received.**

CARRIED 8/0

0206.20 MUNICIPAL SEAL – AFIXING OF

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

COUNCIL DECISION: **That authority be given to affix the Municipal Seal to the following documentation:**

- a) **Transfer of Land**
- b) **Identification of Certificate of Title for Buyer**

for the purpose of securing the title of Lot 77 Jose Street, Mullewa, being land containing the Masonic Lodge building.

CARRIED 8/0

0206.21 MULLEWA COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CENTRE – OFFER OF

Moved: *M Kerkmans* **Seconded:** *L J Wainwright*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That this item be held over until the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.**

CARRIED 8/0

0206.22 CONTRACT NEGOTIATION - MECHANIC**Moved:** *M Kerkmans* **Seconded:** *J L Freeman***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That**

- **The contract between the Mullewa Shire and Mr Kerry Tucker be endorsed, and**
- **The commencement of the contract to begin on the next working day after the signing by both parties.**

CARRIED 8/0**0206.23** STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**Moved:** *J L Freeman* **Seconded:** *N D Johnstone***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Statement of Financial Activity for the month of December 2005 be received.****CARRIED 8/0****0206.24** SHIRE OF MORAWA, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – FUNDING FOR**Moved:** *M Kerkmans* **Seconded:** *B I N Thomas***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That this item be held over until next meeting.****CARRIED 8/0**

5:07pm Cr Messina left the meeting. Cr Thomas assumed the Chair.

0206.25 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**Moved:** *L J Wainwright* **Seconded:** *G M Steele***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of December 2005 and January 2006 be received.****CARRIED 7/0**

5:12pm Cr Messina returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.

