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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2005.****0405.01 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS:**

The President declared the meeting open at 1:05pm

**0405.02 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:****PRESENT:**

Councillor A J Messina – President	(West Ward)
Councillor B I N Thomas	(East Ward)
Councillor M W Steele	(South Ward)
Councillor P T Freeman	(Central Ward)
Councillor L A Panting	(Central Ward)
Councillor J B Thurkle	(Central Ward)
Councillor N D Johnstone	(South Ward)

**OFFICERS:**

Mr G S Wilks – Chief Executive Officer  
Ms N J Holmes – Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Mrs G. Dennison – Executive Secretary

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor L J Wainwright	(Central Ward)
Councillor L M Newman	(East Ward)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Councillor M R Doherty – Deputy President	(North Ward)
Councillor F W Newman	(South West Ward)

**VISITORS:**

Nil

**0405.03 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:**

Nil

**0405.04 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

The President opened the meeting for public questions.

Nil

**0405.05 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Nil.

**0405.06 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Nil

**0405.07 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:****Moved:** *P T Freeman*                      **Seconded:** *L A Panting*

**COUNCIL DECISION:**      **That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on 16 March 2005, as printed, be confirmed, subject to the following corrections;**

**Min No. 0305.02: Record of Attendance/Apologies/Approved Leave of Absence.**

**Record of attendance to include:-**

**Cr L Newman (In at 1:10pm)  
Cr J Thurkle (In at 1:20pm)  
Cr M Steele (In at 1:35pm)**

**CARRIED 7/0****0405.08 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES****Moved:** *L A Panting*                      **Seconded:** *P T Freeman*

**COUNCIL DECISION:**      **That the Minutes of the Mullewa Community Trust Committee held 14 April 2005 be received**

**CARRIED 7/0**

1:30pm      Cr Johnstone left the meeting  
1:31pm      Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting

**0405.09 MIDWEST DISTRICT HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT****Moved:** *M W Steele*                      **Seconded:** *B I N Thomas*

**COUNCIL DECISION:**      **That the report of the Chairman's meeting be received.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**0405.10 HEALTH, BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING****0405.11 REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES – COMMENT ON**

1:35pm Cr Johnstone left the meeting.  
1:36pm Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting.

**Moved:** *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *J B Thurkle*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Mullewa Shire Council has no comment it wishes to make nor does it wish to attend the meeting of the Register Committee of the Heritage Council in which the registration of the Pallottine Mission is to be considered.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**0405.12 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS – APPOINTMENT OF**

**Moved:** *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *P T Freeman*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Mullewa Shire Council appoint Mr Trevor Brandy and Mrs Elena Boull as Environmental Health Officers to this municipality with authority from the Council to act with all powers in accordance with the Health Act 1911, Building Code of Australia and other relevant legislation.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**0405.13 MEDICAL PRACTITIONER – SERVICES OF**

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

COUNCIL DECISION: **That**

- **A clearer indication be sought from Dr Docherty as to his intentions with respect to the continuation of his medical practice, and**
- **Mr Shane Matthews and Dr Chris Swan be invited to the next meeting of Council to provide information with respect to the level of assistance they may be able to provide on an interim or permanent basis in the event that it is necessary for the Council to seek the recruitment and retention of a medical practitioner.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

2:04pm Cr Thomas declared a financial interest in item 0405.14 as a potential purchaser of the property. Cr Thomas left the meeting.

**0405.14** SUB-DIVISION APPLICATION – APPROVAL OF**Moved:** *P T Freeman* **Seconded:** *M W Steele*

**COUNCIL DECISION:** That the application by Artrox Nominees Pty Ltd, Alan Robert Desmond and the State of Western Australia with respect for the proposed sub-division/amalgamation of lots 4404, 9831 and 10131 Geraldton/Mt Magnet Road, Desmond and Cream Road Tenindewa be approved.

**CARRIED 6/0**

2:05pm Cr BIN Thomas returned to the meeting.

**0405.15** WORKS, PLANT, PARKS AND GARDENS:**0405.16** WORKS SUPERVISORS REPORT**Moved:** *M W Steele* **Seconded:** *P T Freeman*

**COUNCIL DECISION:** That the Team Leader Constructions report, including the Parks and Gardens report, for the month of March 2005 be received.

**CARRIED 6/0****0405.17** PLANT REPORT**Moved:** *M W Steele* **Seconded:** *P T Freeman*

**COUNCIL DECISION:** That the Plant Mechanics report be received.

**CARRIED 7/0**2:15pm J Wilks – Finance Officer entered the meeting  
2:15pm J Wilks and Cr N D Johnstone left the meeting**0405.18** SITE NETWORK STRATEGIES – IMPLICATIONS OF**Moved:** *P T Freeman* **Seconded:** *M W Steele*

**COUNCIL DECISION:** That the Co-Operative Bulk Handling be advised of the concerns expressed by the Mendel Wongoondy Progress Association in the classification of the Wongoondy receival point as a satellite site and that it be requested to meet with growers from within that area to discuss the proposal.

**CARRIED 6/0**

2:28pm G Dennison – Executive Secretary left the meeting  
2:29pm Cr N D Johnstone and G Dennison returned to the meeting

**0405.19 WONGOONDY DAM CATCHMENT AREA – TRANSFER OF**

**Moved:** *P T Freeman* **Seconded:** *M W Steele*

**COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Mendel Wongoondy Progress Association be advised that:**

- **Mullewa Shire Council is prepared to pay the cost associated with transfer of the freehold title of the Wongoondy Dam Catchment area to the association subject to,**
- **An undertaking from the Association that it will continue to maintain the Dam and Catchment area as a community water supply source, and**
- **Continue to allow access to the Council for water for municipal purposes.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

2:32pm Cr Panting declared a financial interest in item 0405.20 being a supplier of services to Mt Gibson Mining. Cr Panting left the meeting.

**0405.20 PUBLIC ROAD ACCESS AGREEMENT – AMENDMENT TO**

**Moved:** *N D Johnstone* **Seconded:** *J B Thurkle*

**COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Mullewa Shire Council meet with Mt Gibson Mining Ltd to consider an amendment to the Public Road Access Agreement to allow an increase in the production of iron ore to be carted on the public haul roads to potentially 3 million tonnes in 2006 onwards**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**0405.21 CONCESSIONAL LOADING PERMIT TONNAGE – INCREASE OF**

**Moved:** *M W Steele* **Seconded:** *J B Thurkle*

**COUNCIL DECISION:** **That Mt Gibson Iron Ltd be advised that the Council is prepared to undertake discussions with respect to its request to seek an increase in the concessional loading permit tonnage from 23.5 tonnes to 25.85 tonnes per tri-axle group and that Main Roads WA be invited to have a representative in attendance at that meeting.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**MEETING ADJOURNED FROM 2:50pm TO 3:10pm****0405.22 MEETING RECONVENED:****PRESENT:**

Councillor A J Messina – President	(West Ward)
Councillor B I N Thomas	(East Ward)
Councillor M W Steele	(South Ward)
Councillor P T Freeman	(Central Ward)
Councillor L A Panting	(Central Ward)
Councillor J B Thurkle	(Central Ward)
Councillor N D Johnstone	(South Ward)

**OFFICERS:**

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

**0405.23 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE:****0405.24 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2005**

**Moved:** *L A Panting*   **Seconded:** *M W Steele*

**COUNCIL DECISION:**       **That the Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2005 be accepted**

**CARRIED 7/0****0405.25 RATES – WRITING OFF**

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

**COUNCIL DECISION:**       **The amount of \$102.18 being for outstanding rates on A1134 be written off.**

**CARRIED 7/0****0405.26 ELECTORAL CODES OF CONDUCT – ADOPTION OF**

**Moved:** *P T Freeman*   **Seconded:** *B I N Thomas*

**COUNCIL DECISION:**       **That the Electoral Code of Conduct as presented be adopted for the May 2005 Elections.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**0405.27** FINANCE REPORT 31 MARCH 2005**Moved:** *M W Steele* **Seconded:** *J B Thurkle***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Finance Report for the period ended 31 March 2005 be received.****CARRIED 7/0****0405.28** AUTHORITIES – TRANSFER OF**Moved:** *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *P T Freeman***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That:**

- **The following persons be appointed as Registration Officers under the Dog Act 1976:**
  - **Gaylene Dennison**
  - **Erica Anne Foreman**
  - **Jane Deanne Parker, and**
- **The following persons authorities as Registration Officers and/or Authorised Persons under the Dog Act 1976 be cancelled.**
  - **Samantha Messina**
  - **Alan Neal Snow**
  - **Becky Jane Snow**
  - **Cheryl Kay Thompson**
  - **Peter Murray, and**
  - **Valma J Noack**

**CARRIED 7/0****0405.29** VOLUNTARY LIQUOR AGREEMENT – RESIGNING OF

3:17pm Cr Thurkle and Cr Panting declared a financial interest in the following item as proprietors of liquor outlets in Mullewa. The item was not discussed due to the lack of a quorum.

**0405.30** PIPELINE CORRIDOR – INFORMATION ON**Moved:** *M W Steele* **Seconded:** *B I N Thomas***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Mullewa Shire Council reaffirms it's support and willingness to broker a meeting of all affected landowners with representatives from Mt Gibson Iron Ltd to consider that the proposed Mt Gibson Mine to Geraldton Pipeline Corridor.****CARRIED 7/0**



**0405.31** MULLEWA FOOTBALL CLUB – FINANCIAL SUPPORT**Moved:** *L A Panting* **Seconded:** *J B Thurkle***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That:**

- The arrears owed by the Mullewa Football Club be written off.
- The 2004/2005 fees be reduced to \$2,500.00, and
- The Mullewa Football Club be requested to help reduce costs incurred to Council by the way of leaving premises in a clean and tidy state.

**CARRIED 7/0****0405.32** RADIO SUBSIDY SCHEME – SUPPORT FOR**Moved:** *J B Thurkle* **Seconded:** *B I N Thomas***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Council staff prepare an application under the radio subsidy scheme for the provisions of one or more of the ABC's Radio Networks to be broadcast within the Mullewa Shire.****CARRIED 7/0****0405.33** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

4:20pm Cr Messina left the meeting

**Moved:** *L A Panting* **Seconded:** *J B Thurkle***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That Cr BIN Thomas be nominated to preside over the meeting in the Presidents and Deputy Presidents absence.****CARRIED 6/0**

4:26pm Cr Messina returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

**Moved:** *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *M W Steele***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of March 2005 be received and the recommendations arising from that report be adopted:**

- Forthcoming Meetings
- 17 March 2005 – Rural Counsellor Meeting

- **North Midlands VROC Meeting**
- **24 March 2005 – Structural Reform Meeting**
- **1 April 2005 – Local Government Acts Seminar**
- **4 April 2005 – NCZWALGA Executive Meeting**
- **4 April 2005 – Women’s Group Meeting**
- **5 April 2005 – Agriculture Development Partnership Interviews**
- **5 April 2005 – Visit of Assistant Police Commissioner**
- **6 April 2005 – NMVROC Working Group Meeting**
- **7 April 2005 – Mt Gibson Mining Ltd Slurry Pipeline**
- **7 April 2005 – Bushfire Group Meeting**
- **11 April 2005 – Broadband Meeting**
- **12 April 2005 – Federal Select Committee Visit**
- **13 April 2005 – Infrastructure Forum**
- **14 April 2005 – Mullewa Community Trust**

**CARRIED 0/0**

<b>0405.34</b>	<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
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<b>0405.35</b>	<b>MAINTENANCE GRADING</b>
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Cr Steele complimented the maintenance grading crew on the quality of work undertaken in the South Ward, particularly the works over the community pipeline.

<b>0405.36</b>	<b>SHIRE MAPS</b>
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Cr Thomas sought information from fellow Councillors on their progress in completing the Ward components of the Shire maps. Individual Councillors undertook to consult with their electors and subject to elector concurrence to provide the information to the Chief Executive Officer.

<b>0405.37</b>	<b>RETIRING COUNCILLORS</b>
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Cr Messina extended his appreciation on behalf of the municipality to the following Councillors:

- Cr Freeman – 30 years service
- Cr Doherty – 10 years service
- Cr Steele – 20 years service
- Cr F Newman – 9 years service

Cr Freeman and Cr Steele responded.

<b>0405.38</b>	<b>SPECIAL MEETING</b>
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The Shire President advised that a Special Meeting would take place for the swearing in of councillors and the election of President and Deputy President. The Chief Executive Officer will advise of the date of this meeting.

**0405.39 CLOSURE OF MEETING:**

The President closed the meeting at 5:15pm

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on 18 May 2005:

Signed:

A J Messina, President

Date: 18 May 2005